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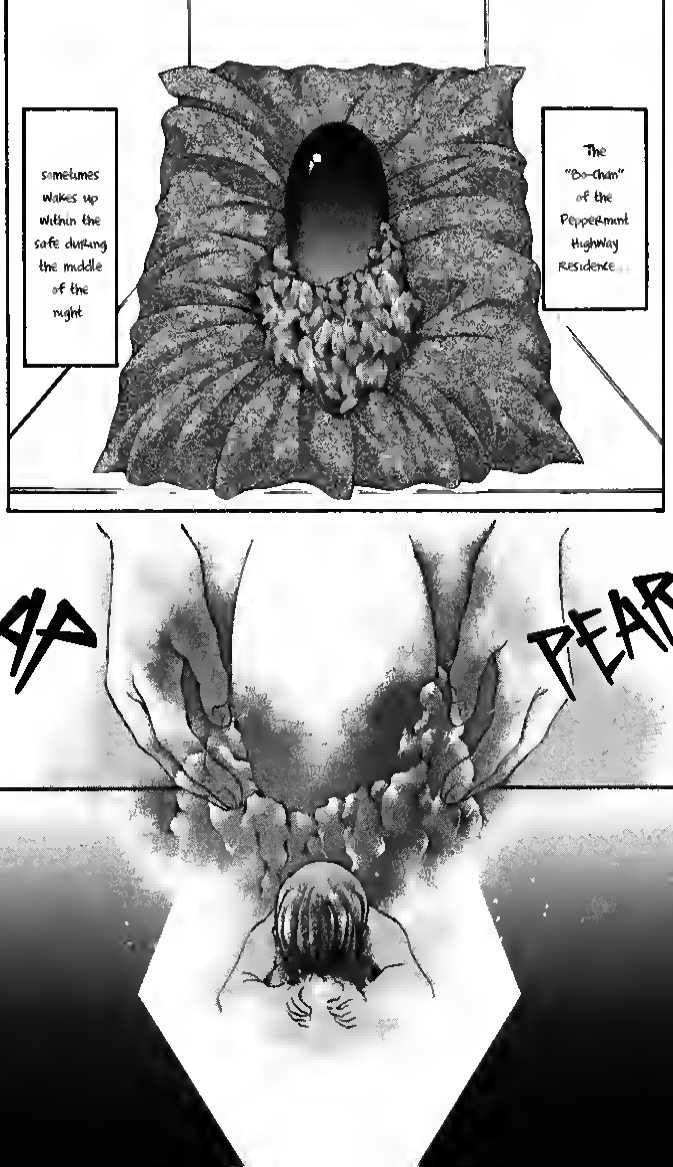
sometimes wakes up within the safe during the middle of the night
The "Bo-chan" of the Peppermint Highway Residence
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PEARS

HELLO
GOOD MORNING

SINCE IT'S STILL MIDNIGHT, I GUESS I SHOULD SAY "GOOD EVENING"
GOOD EVENING
AND GOOD MORNING, GRAND-FATHER
I WOKE UP BE-CAUSE I FELT UN-EASY
I'M GOING TO TAKE A LOOK AROUND THE PREMISES
ARE YOU GOING TO GO THROUGH THE WALL AGAIN?
THAT SURE IS CONVE-NIENT
The Peppermint Highway Residence is huge,
but only "Be-chan" and his grandfather live there

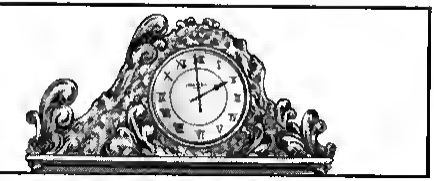
Because of this, the Peppermint Highway residence is always quiet
At least, usually.
Rattle

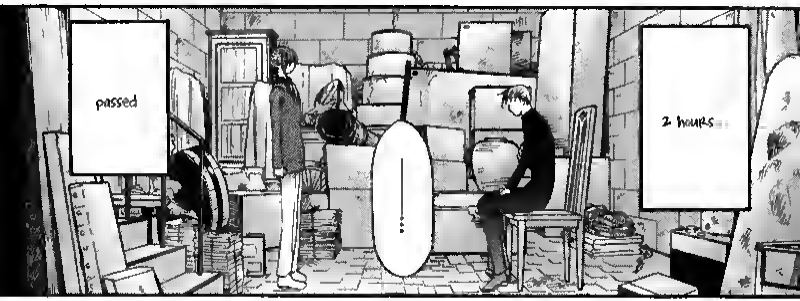
BAM
!!
DO YOU LIVE HERE?
DON'T MAKE ANY NOISE
I'LL BE LEAVING SOON.
SIT DOWN OVER THERE,
ANO DON'T MAKE A SOUND
ARE YOU AN OUT-LAW?
WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?

Not just old, it's really old
The Peppermint Highway Residence is old
I GUESS IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER IF I ASK YOU ANYTHING
THIS HOUSE HASN'T BEEN CARED FOR IN YEARS
BE QUIET. I DON'T PLAN ON USING VIOLENCE.
STUPID.
FROM THE START, I'VE BEEN AS QUIET AND CALM AS A ROCK.
...AH?
WHAT ARE YOU? YOU'RE JUST AN OUTLAW
AT A TIME LIKE THIS, YOU SHOULDN'T BE COMMANDING ME
YOU SHOULD BE COURTEOUS TOWARDS ME BY USING POLITE SPEECH AND ASKING ME HUMBLY
GO CHECK YOUR HEART THOROUGHLY
I'M THIS HOUSE'S TREASURE

!
!
Waiting
and he can stay quiet for as long a hundred years.
The "Co-Shain" of Peppermint Highway Residence is already calm and silent.
...WHAT A...
STRANGE KID.
WHY IS HE SO QUIET?
WELL, I DID THREAT-EN HIM.
However, this guy, Jyougasaki Nanaki,
has a relatively strong, silent nature as well.

...And so,





Hot
Hot
Hot
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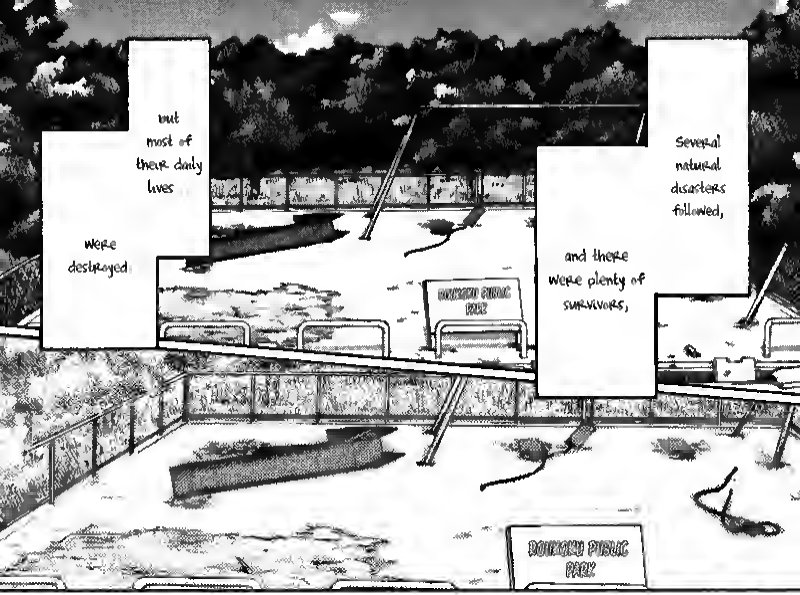
Hot

Tick
Tock
Still waiting
An outsider wouldn't understand,
but this extremely silent encounter is how these two met.
Silence
STARES
HAVE YOU COMPLETED YOUR BUSINESS?
?
WHAT TIME IS IT NOW? IS IT ALMOST MORNING?
THE BLEEDING
HAS COMPLETELY STOPPED.
Cough

WERE YOU WAITING THIS WHOLE TIME FOR ME TO SAY SOMETHING?
OF COURSE
.....I SEE.
I'M SORRY FOR CLOTHBRING YOU, SO I'LL GIVE YOU MY THANKS.
I'M FINISHED WITH MY BUSINESS HERE.
DISAPPEARS
I SEE
PLEASE BE CAREFUL ON YOUR WAY HOME

WHAT ? AH..
A..
GHOST?!
THERE'S NOTHING LEFT ONCE A PERSON DIES
NO
IT CAN'T BE
But...
There is no way for anyone to meet...
a dead person.

It wasn't a hallucination.
That strange kid was definitely here with me the whole time...
BUT...
IT WOULDN'T BE TOO SURPRISING, CONSIDERING HOW OLD THIS HOUSE IS.
In this country,
a natural disaster occurred many years ago.
IT SEEMS LIKE A RELIC FROM ANCIENT TIMES
I'M SURPRISED IT WASN'T DESTROYED BY THAT NATURAL DISASTER


but most of their daily lives were destroyed.
Several natural disasters followed,
and there were plenty of survivors,
BOKUSHU PUBLIC PARK
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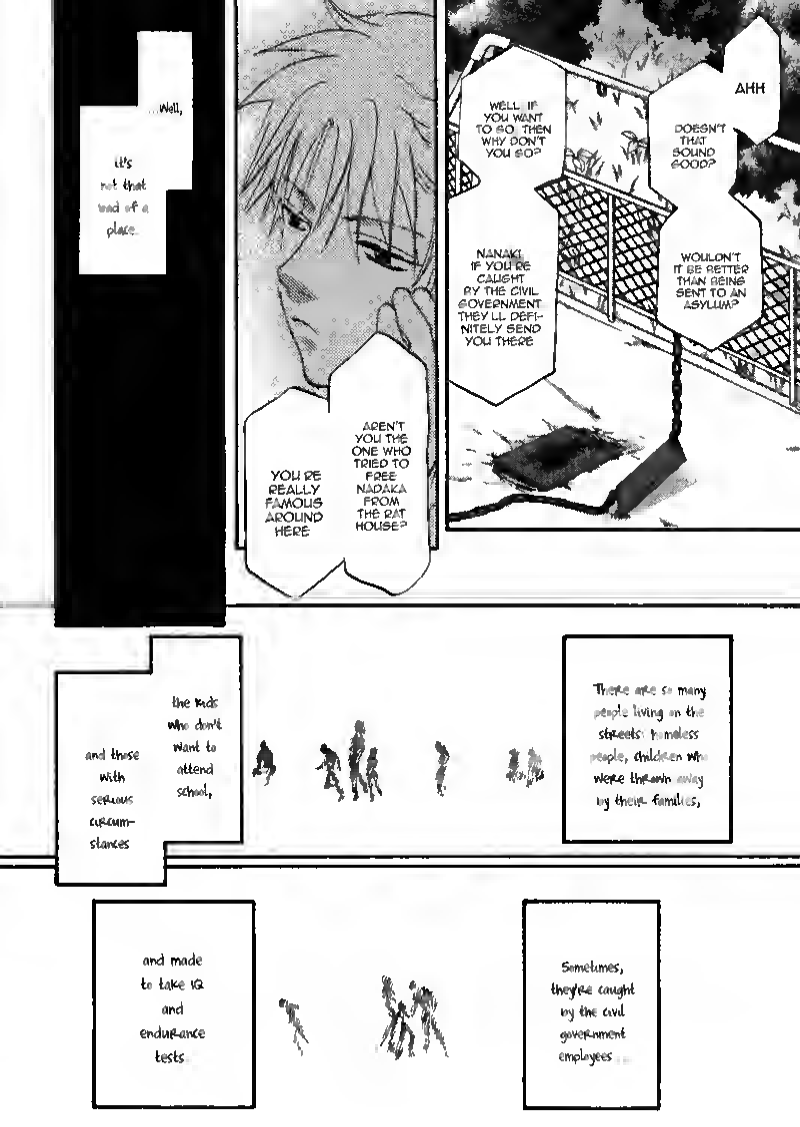
HE'S REALLY SMART, AND HE SAID THAT HE NEVER WANTED TO GO TO THE RAT HOUSE.
IT WAS PROBABLY HIROSHI.
AH...?
THOSE GUYS THAT WERE CAUGHT MUST HAVE RATTED US OUT.

ISN'T IT CALLED THE GOVERMENT'S "TRAINING REBIRTH INSTITUTION FOR BOYS"?
I KNOW EVERYONE IS SCARED OF THE RAT HOUSE BUT WHAT KIND OF PLACE IS IT?
AREN'T THERE LOTS OF NICE TEACHERS AND DELICIOUS FOOD THERE?

WHAT'S THE MATTER NANAKI?
OH, NO.
THE CIVIL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ARE AT OUR "CAMP".


...Well,
it's not that bad of a place...
YOU'RE REALLY FAMOUS AROUND HERE
AREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO TRIED TO FREE NADAKA FROM THE RAT HOUSE?
NANAKI IF YOU'RE CAUGHT BY THE CIVIL GOVERNMENT THEY'LL DEFINITELY SEND YOU THERE
WELL IF YOU WANT TO GO, THEN WHY DON'T YOU GO?
AHH
DOESN'T THAT SOUND GOOD?
WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER THAN BEING SENT TO AN ASYLUM?
and those with serious circumstances
the kids who don't want to attend school,
There are so many people living on the streets: homeless people, children who were thrown away by their families,
and made to take IQ and endurance tests...
Sometimes, they're caught by the civil government employees...

IT'S SCARY NOT KNOWING ENOUGH
I DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING AT THAT TIME
then they aren't sent to the asylum. Instead, they're sent to the re-training institution.
If they're able to perform at a high level,
THE SUNSET
IS BEAUTIFUL
IT LOOKS LIKE A RUBY.

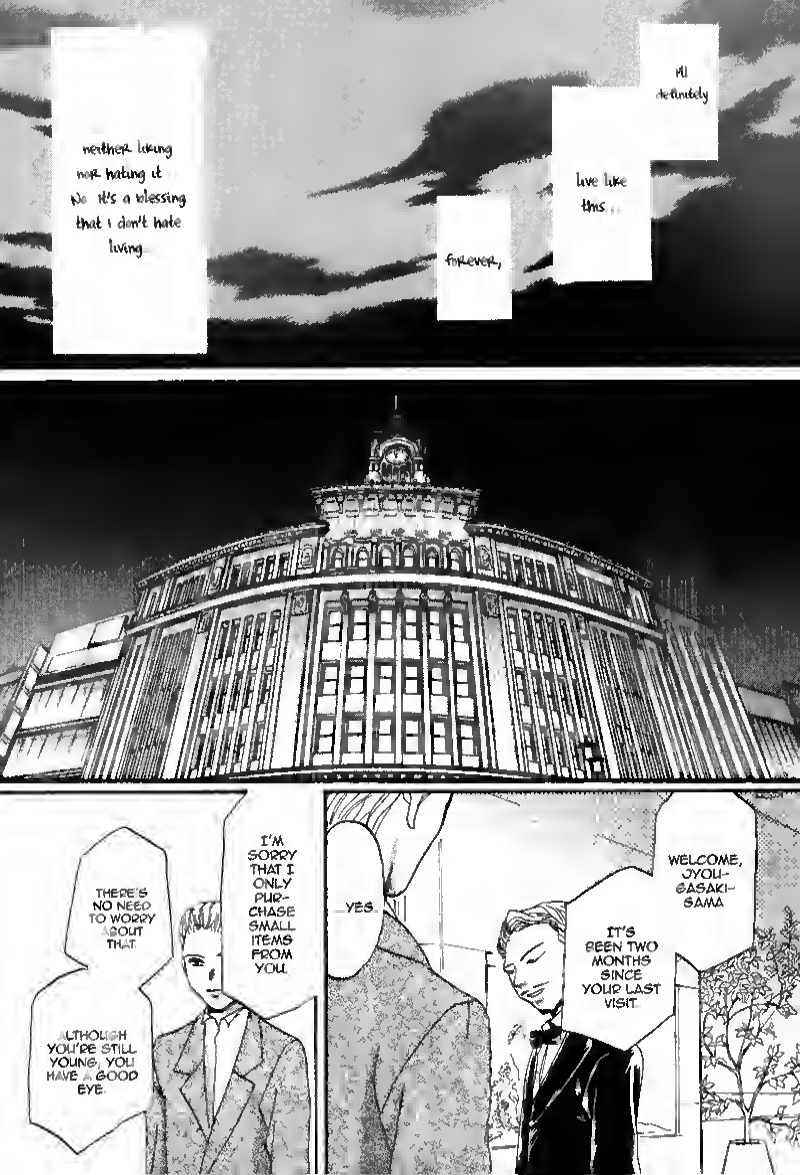
I'm tired of doing...

...dirty things.

NA—NAKI,
WHY DON'T YOU STEAL FROM AN EASIER LOCATION?
A HUMAN BEING CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT EATING
BUT
EVEN THOUGH I SAY THAT,
WOULDN'T IT BE FASTER TO JUST BEAT SOMEONE UP AND STEAL FROM THEM?
AND YOU TAKE LOTS OF TIME TO PREPARE,
SINCE YOU HAVE MORE TO LOSE,
THE FOURTH GENERATION MAFIA BOSS HAS SET UP ANOTHER TRAP AGAIN
Why go when there's a trap in place?
AND IT'S EASIER TO JUST GET QUICK CASH EVERYDAY
NO MATTER HOW SMART YOU ARE, YOU HAVE TO FACE THE REALITY THAT ONE DAY YOU'LL GET CAUGHT
SOMEHOW, YOU SEEM KIND OF REFINED
IF WE'RE ALL GOING TO LIVE THE SAME WAY, IT'S BETTER TO DO WHAT YOU LIKE
WHAT DO YOU MEAN PREFER?
To think it was for that reason.
INSTEAD OF TAKING EVERYTHING FROM SOMEONE WHO HAS NOTHING
I PREFER TAKING SOME THINGS FROM PLACES THAT ARE ABUNDANT

WHOOSH
Whoooooosh
Whoooooosh
IT HURTS...
IT STILL HURTS WHERE I INJURED MYSELF
O-KAY
WHOOOOOSH
WHOOOOOSH

IT'S TRUE
THAT THERE ARE RICHES IN PLACES LIKE THIS
IT STINKS
I NEITHER LIKE NOR HATE THIS SMELL
If I ever end up liking this smell,
I will have given up.
WHY IS IT THAT MONEY SMELLS SO BAD?
IS THIS THE SMELL OF LIVING?
Sniff


neither loving nor hating it
No. It's a blessing that I don't hate living...
forever,
live like this...
I'll definitely
I'M SORRY THAT I ONLY PURCHASE SMALL ITEMS FROM YOU.
THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THAT.
ALTHOUGH YOU'RE STILL YOUNG, YOU HAVE A GOOD EYE.
YES.
WELCOME, JYOUGASAKI-SAMA.
IT'S BEEN TWO MONTHS SINCE YOUR LAST VISIT.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR JUST GEMS AGAIN?
YEAH, SINCE I DON'T HAVE ANYONE TO SEND A RING OR NECKLACE TO,
AND I DON'T WEAR ANY JEWELRY
ANY WOMAN WOULD BE HAPPY WITH JYOUGASAKI-SAMA...
...I like stones.
Although they're high in price, they don't have a smell like money does.
Plus, they're cold but not too cold to the touch.
...Hm.
And a gem keeps its shape forever.
SCARY
I want to steal it...
If I could I would take all, all, all, all of these stones and make them mine, mine, mine!!

I like the fact that I'm still alive...
IS THIS ALL FOR YOU?
AH,
THOSE ARE THE STONES I CHOSE
ONLY DURING TIMES LIKE THIS...
ONLY DURING TIMES LIKE THIS...
ONLY DURING TIMES LIKE THIS...
whisper
whisper

The stone that I purchased today was a topaz.
HEY
YOU'RE WEARING A REALLY NICE OUTFIT
Although the clothes are cheap
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, YOU DISGUISED SEWER RAT?
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, JYOUGASAKI
THE LAST TIME I SAW YOU WAS WHEN WE LIVED TOGETHER IN THE RAT HOUSE AND ATE THE SAME FOOD.

I CAN INFORM THEM
AND HAND YOU OVER TO THEM.
TATE-WAKI
BAM
THIS TIME, IT'LL BE IM-POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO RUN AWAY
THE SURVEIL-LANCE HAS BE-COME STRICT-ER
EVER SINCE YOU RAN AWAY FROM THE RAT HOUSE,

HEY, JYOUGASAKI
YOU WERE SUPERIOR TO ME
BECAUSE OF YOU, I HAD TO SUFFER,
SINCE I COULD NEVER SURPASS YOU
EVERY TIME I LOST ON THOSE TRAINING EXERCISES
THE PUNISHMENT WAS PAINFUL
THE INDEPENDENT STUDY ROOM WAS COLD
IT WAS FULL OF...
RATS.
SOMETIMES...

I THINK IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER IF YOU WERE THE ONE DIDN'T THERE.
YOU——
TH
UD

He talked a lot...
and laughed a lot
I GIVE UP
ALTHOUGH THEY SAY THAT JYOUGASAKI IS EXTREMELY CLEVER, I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU NEED TO RETRAIN
IT MUST BE A MISTAKE
SO YOU'RE JYOUGASAKI?
THEY'RE SAYING THAT YOU'RE MY BUDDY
Tatewaki...
liked to joke around.

Throughout the first of two weeks,
If I couldn't grasp the basics
I could never imagine that a Rat would have a buddy,
since everyone around there was competing against each other and were rivals
I'M SORRY THAT I CAN'T BE ANY USE TO SOCIETY!
SAY IT LOUDER!!
I WILL GIVE MY ALL TO BECOME AN HONORABLE CITIZEN!!
SAY IT LOUDER!!
USE TO SOCIETY...

IS TATEWAKI BEING PUNISHED AGAIN?
I don't...
IT CAN'T BE HELPED WITH JYOUGASAKI AS HIS BUDDY
care about the other types of punishment.
I hated having to shout out words that I didn't agree with.
I'M LUCKY TO HAVE ENDED UP IN A BETTER SITUATION THAN ALL OF THOSE GUYS WHO USED TO LAUGH AT ME FOR NOT BEING AS GOOD AS YOU
IF YOU H..DN'T BEEN THERE,
I WILL BECOME JAPAN'S FUTURE
I WOULD HAVE BEEN THEIR BEST STUDENT
RIGHT NOW, I'M...
THE "SON" OF A CERTAIN RULING POLITICIAN WHO LOST HIS SON IN THE NATURAL DISASTER.
HEY, DON'T YOU THINK THAT I'M DOING WELL?

HEY JYOUGA-SAKI
DO YOU THINK IT WAS A COINCI-DENCE THAT I FOUND YOU AT THE JEWELRY STORE?
NO.
I RECEIVED INFORM...-TION THAT SOMEONE HAD SEEN A GUY THAT LOOKED LIKE YOU AT THAT STORE. I HAD THEM WATCH IT.
SO THAT I COULD FIND YOU BEFORE DAD FOUND YOU.
?
DAD?
HE TOLD ME THAT SOME-ONE LIKE ME,
WHO IS JUST LYING AROUND AND LOOK-ING AT HIS COMPLEX-ION,
WOULD NEVER EXCEL AS A TRUE POLITICIAN
WITH THE REC-OMMENDATION OF SOMEONE, HE DECIDED TO UTILIZE SOME-ONE FROM THE RETRAINING IN-STITUTION
NO MATTER HOW PER-FECT I AM,
A CHILD WHO WAS RAISED IN A RAT HOUSE IS OF NO USE.

HE THINKS THAT KIND OF YOUNG MAN IS BETTER SUITED TO BE HIS SON.
HE WANTS SOME-ONE WITH A BACK-BONE...
THAT'S RIGHT, HE HEARD ABOUT AN INDEPENDENT YOUNG MAN WHO HAD ESCAPED FROM THE FACIL-ITY AND THOUGHT HE WOULD BE BETTER
I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW USE-LESS THE INSTITUTE IS
THAT MAY BE BECAUSE THE OTHER GROUP HAS A STRONGER WILLPOWER
IT SEEMS THAT THERE ARE DEFECTS IN THE TRAIN-ING OBJECTIVE AT THE INSTI-TUTE
NO, IT'S NOT INTER-ESTING.
AND I CAN'T LAUGH
ISN'T IT AN INTER-ESTING STORY? RIGHT WHEN I THOUGHT I WAS DOING BETTER THAN YOU.
CAN'T YOU LAUGH?
WHY... NOW?
CHUCKLE CHUCKLE

I'M GOING TO KILL YOU.
...LAUGH.
SO NO MATTER WHERE YOU GO, I WILL KNOW WHERE YOU ARE.
THIS IS KIND OF LIKE A TRACKING DEVICE.
THIS WRIST-BAND WON'T COME OFF.
AND THE ONLY PERSON THAT HAS THE CODE TO TAKE IT OFF IS ME.
EVEN IF YOU RUN AWAY,
I WILL INFORM THEM OF YOUR WHEREABOUTS
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT YOU TO STEAL FOR ME.
AND IF YOU MAKE A MISTAKE IT WILL BE THE END FOR YOU.
WHAT ARE YOU...
PLANNING ON DOING?

WHAT IS IT?
STEAL...?
..AH?
THERE SHOULD BE PROOF OF CORRUPTION
DOCUMENTS
ARE YOU TATEWAKI SHOUGO-KUN?
I'M IMPRESSED THAT YOU WERE ABLE TO WITHSTAND SUCH STRICT TRAINING.
YOU ARE
TO BECOME MY SUCCESSOR.

I WANT TO...
BRING DOWN...
MY FA-THER.
. THEN,
WOULDN'T IT BE A BET-TER IDEA TO GO AFTER THE ONES WHO CREATED THE RAT HOUSE?
I DON'T CARE.
BUT
IF YOU BRING DOWN YOUR FA-THER, WON'T THAT HURT YOU TOO?
Don't oppose me!
I don't care.
...I DON'T.

"They say you're my buddy."
"It's nice to meet you!"
...I DON'T CARE ABOUT ANY-THING.

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ARE...
...YES.
YOU FEELING UNEASY AGAIN?
GOOD EVE-NING,
AND GOOD MORNING, GRAND-FATHER

THE WIND IS VERY STRONG TONIGHT
SO I'LL TAKE A LOOK AROUND THE YARD
rustle
rustle
ISN'T IT RUDE TO BE AT SOME-ONE'S FRONT GATE AT THIS HOUR OF THE DAY?
...WHO ARE YOU?
.....!

...I'VE SEEN YOU BEFORE.
I SEE,
BUT A PERSON WITHOUT ANY AUTHORIZATION OR RIGHT TO BE HERE...
IS NOT ALLOWED WITHIN THESE PREMISES.
WE'VE MET... ONCE BEFORE.
I HAVE... A FAVOR TO ASK OF YOU.
YOU...
WAIT.
IF YOU HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK, YOU SHOULD BE COURTEOUS TOWARDS ME BY USING POLITE SPEECH AND ASKING ME HUMBLY

..IF YOU INSIST.
I UNDER-STAND, ROCK-LIKE BO-CHAN
I WILL BE COURTEOUS TOWARDS YOU BY USING POLITE SPEECH AND
HUMBLY
!!!
!!!
.....
I AM NOT LIKE A ROCK.
WELL, MY FAVOR IS...
PLEASE TELL ME BO-CHAN'S SECRET
THE THING THAT YOU SHOWED ME THE LAST TIME WE PARTED
WHAT WAS THAT STRANGE TRICK?

RUSTLE
RUSTLE
MY SECRET?
YOUR SECRET
THAT'S RIGHT
I SEE
THEN..
I WILL GIVE YOU A CHANCE
BUT FIRST YOU HAVE TO SHOW THE PRIDE YOU HAVE FOR YOUR LIFE
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← Yume (MS male staff)
Reader XXX, we have a ton of projects, and 70% of them are smut based.
Oh my he is gorgeous I wonder if he can be eaten.
You have come to the right place for your smut and shoujo addiction. Do not feel shy because that is not a crime.
Erm, Int What kind of help do you need?
← Shindou (MS male staff)
So, you've heard that we are recruiting, which has led you to us.
Did our smut series bring you here? Or, Was it the fact we had not released xxvt that made you want to help?
We need more cleaners, Editors, and also, Japanese translators.
The intense look in his eyes is burning through my heart
Erm... I'd love to help you out... Just tell me What do you need of me, and I'll give it to you
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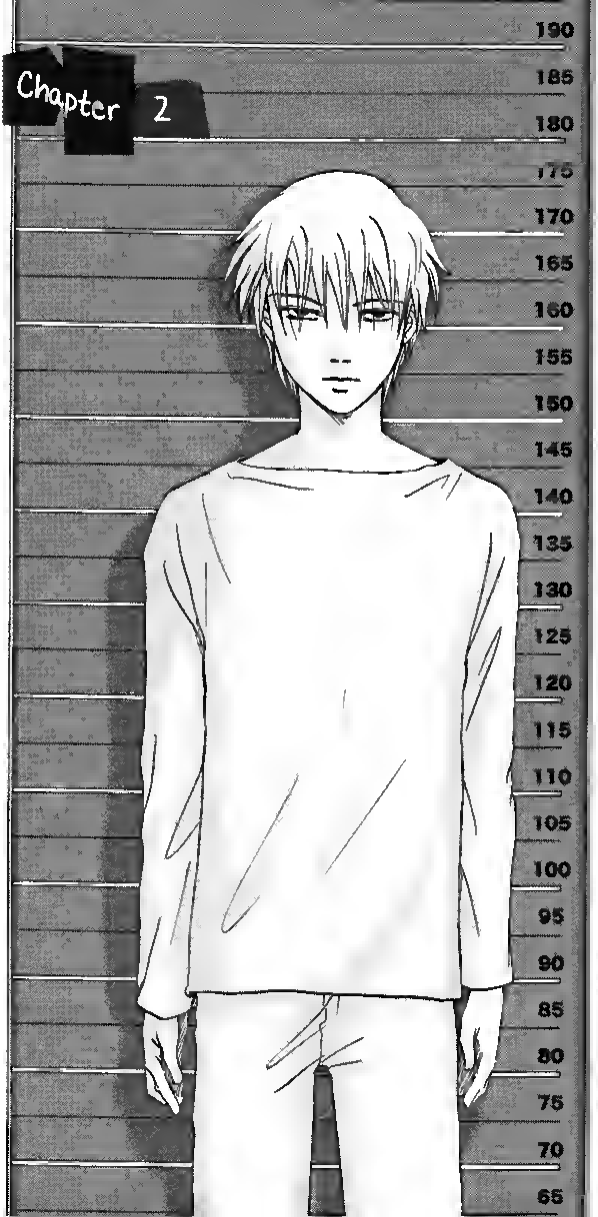
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PUTS ON
PULLS
PULLS
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PULLS
RUSTLE
PULLS
...AH,
THERE'S A RED-DISH-BLACK BENCH HERE?

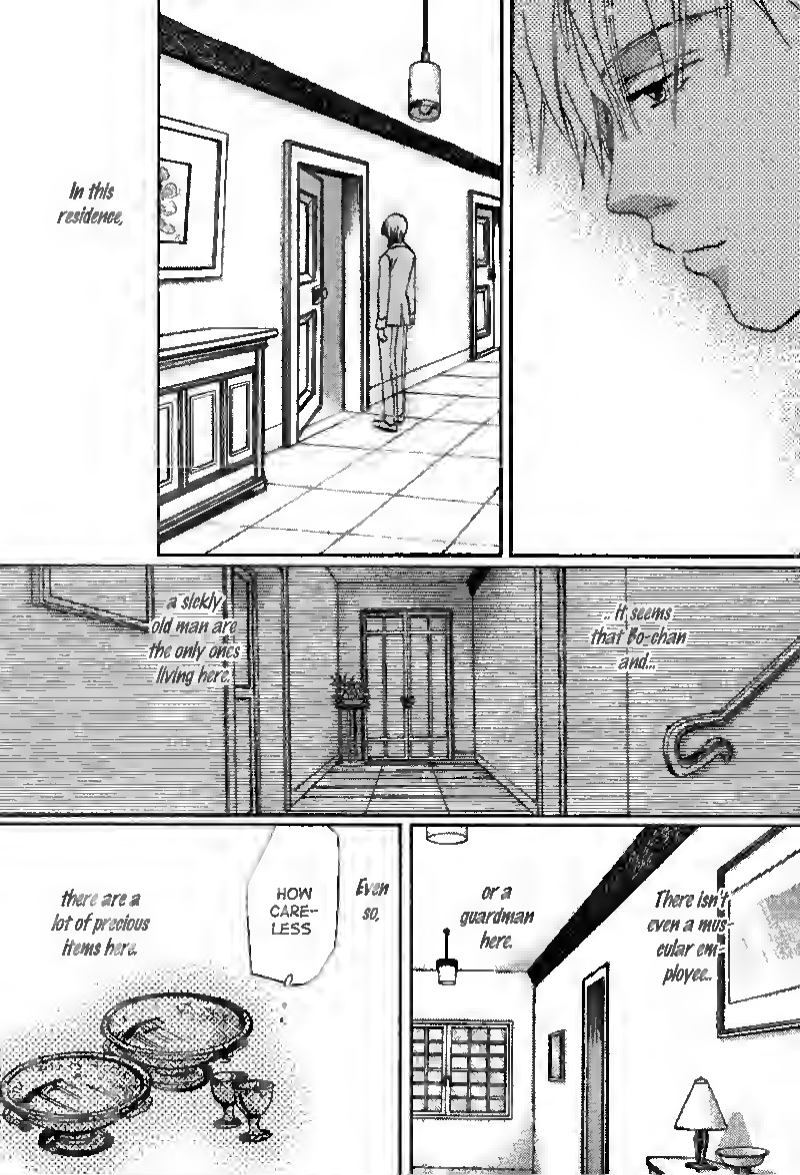
I DON'T KNOW WHAT COLOR IT WAS BEFORE IT RUSTED.
IT JUST APPEARED A MOMENT AGO
I NEVER KNEW THAT THERE WAS A BENCH OF THIS COLOR AT THIS RESIDENCE
THIS WAS A "GREAT EFFORT"
ANYHOW,
AFTER
BEFORE
RAGGED
RAGGED
BEFORE
AFTER
Everything in place
AFTER
Sparkling
BEFORE
STICK

...YES
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE YOU'VE LET ANYONE INTO THIS HOUSE
WE HAVE SOMEONE NEW WORKING FOR US, RIGHT?
YES, WELL...
WIPES
WIPES
"Then..."
"I'll give you a chance."
"I want to know your secret."

"Show me the pride you have for your life."
...PRIDE?
Being raised on the streets...
...of stealing things from others in order to survive...
THOSE AREN'T THINGS YOU'D WANT TO HEAR...
EVEN SO,
...THIS IS A BEAUTIFUL, SILVER PLATE.
BO-CHAN IS QUITE LAID-BACK TO LET SOMEONE LIKE ME HANDLE SOMETHING LIKE THIS

I need to steal the proof of corruption documents about his father.
For Tatewaki's sake,
For this task,
that interesting trick that Bo-chan does would come in handy.
Disappears
It's strange how he looks straight at me.
I don't know whether or not he even has any emotions.

He would never know...
If I stole this plate.
Okay, okay, okay, okay.
SPARKLES
SPARKLES
Wipes
Okay...
Wipes
Wipes
Wipes
Wipes
Wipes
Wipes
Crime is wrong.
Wipes
Wipes
Wipes
Anyhow, it's wrong to think of such things.
It's beautiful it's beautiful


In this residence,
a sickly old man are the only ones living here.
.. It seems that Bo-chan and...
there are a lot of precious items here.
HOW CARE-LESS
Even so,
or a guardman here.
There isn't even a muscular employee..

...THIS IS ALSO VERY BEAUTIFUL
I don't want my conscience to be burning with desire for these things.
scribble scribble
I'll draw a map of the dormitory.
THIS WINDOW
WOULD BE USED AS A WAY TO TRESPASS AND ESCAPE
"We don't have enough help with the cleaning."
"then you should live here."
"If you want to know my secret,"

YOU WANT ME TO DO ALL OF THE CLEAN-ING?
DON'T YOU KNOW HOW TO CLE..N? WHAT CAN YOU DO? TELL ME WHAT YOU'VE BEEN DOING UP UNTIL NOW.
STE..LING
I SEE
BEING A THIEF DOESN'T REQUIRE KNOWING HOW TO CLEAN, SO YOU WOULDN'T KNOW.
NO, I CAN DO IT. I CAN CLEAN
I SEE
THEN THERE SHOULDN'T BE ANY PROB-LEMS
ONLY THOSE WITH A HIGH SENSE OF PRIDE CAN PASS THROUGH THIS HOUSE'S GATES.
YOU MUST ACT AS IF YOU'RE SERVING YOUR HEART
Let's stop talking so sar-castically.

This is how it is, Bo-chan.
EVEN SO,
A thief steals.
Once I get what I came here for, I'll steal everything from this house and leave.
It's a miracle that during times like this,
a place like this still has so many precious treasures.
ARE YOU GOING FOR A WALK?
THE LAST TIME I WAS HIDING HERE, I THOUGHT
THAT IT WAS EASY TO ENTER AND EXIT FREELY
IS THIS HOUSE SAFE?

AS A THIEF, I'M LOOKING FOR AN ESCAPE ROUTE FOR THE FUTURE
I'M DOING IT PRETTY BOLDLY..
I SEE.
IT'S A GOOD THING TO BE ABLE TO DO IT SO BOLDLY!
BUT WOULDN'T IT BE BEST TO LEAVE FROM THE FRONT DOOR?
...THAT MIGHT BE TRUE.
Boldly, huh?
Have I ever lived in another person's house...
WHOOOOOOSH
WHOOSH
and left boldly through the front door?

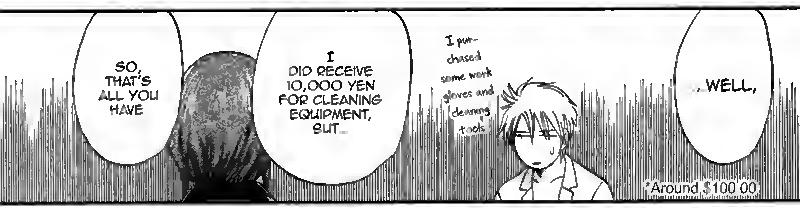
Boldly, huh?
ANY-WAY,
HOW MANY DAYS DO I HAVE TO WORK FOR YOU BE-FORE YOU TELL ME YOUR SECRET?
Rustle
Rustle
I DON'T REALLY HAVE A SPECIFIC TIMELINE IN MIND
IT'S DEPEN-DENT ON HOW MUCH PRIDE YOU SHOW
IT'S NOT DEPENDENT ON HOW MANY DAYS YOU SPEND HERE

I DON'T UNDER-STAND.
LET'S EAT.
I EAT ANY-THING.
THERE'S REALLY NO REA-SON TO EAT, BUT MANY PEOPLE GET HAPPY BY EATING.
AH.
Anyway, I really don't understand what you're trying to say
THAT'S AN INTER-ESTING STORY.
WHETHER OR NOT I EAT DOESN'T MAKE THE OTHER PERSON'S STOMACH FULL.
I FIND PEOPLE WHO SAY,
"LET'S EAT TOGETH-ER," VERY STRANGE
Ah.
He smiled.

I MADE THE FOOD AND ARRANGED EVERYTHING
AND I'M ALSO THE WAITER...
BUT THE ONE EATING IS HIM
WELL, HE DOES EAT VERY ELEGANTLY
YOU TAKE TOO LONG TO REFILL THE GLASS OF WATER
I'm like a waiter!
THIS ISN'T EATING TOGETHER
But
...is sunny side up eggs and toast made from old bread... That's it
THERE WEREN'T ANY INGREDIENTS.
TODAY'S BRUNCH MENU

MM,
IT WAS VERY DELICIOUS
How could it be?
GRANDFATHER...
ONLY EATS THE VITAMINS DELIVERED FROM THE HOSPITAL OR SOUPY FOOD.
HE USED TO EAT DIFFERENT TYPES OF FOOD.
BUT HE DOESN'T EAT HOT OR HARD FOOD ANYMORE.
YOU SURE DO EAT A LOT THOUGH
It's only eggs and bread.
WELL, IF I DON'T EAT I WON'T HAVE ENOUGH STRENGTH
BUT GO-CHAN, WAS THAT ENOUGH FOOD FOR YOU?

WELL,
DOESN'T IT TAKE MONEY TO BUY FOOD?
YEAH, THAT'S WHY WE'RE ONLY EATING EGGS AND BREAD.
WE DON'T EVEN HAVE ENOUGH TO PURCHASE CLEANING EQUIPMENT.
I SEE. I'M SORRY ABOUT THAT.
SINCE THE HOSPITAL BILLS WERE JUST PAID,
WE WON'T HAVE ANY MONEY TO SPEND FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.


...WELL,
Around $100.00
I purchased some work gloves and cleaning tools
I DID RECEIVE 10,000 YEN FOR CLEANING EQUIPMENT, BUT...
SO, THAT'S ALL YOU HAVE

TWO WEEKS?
Change
IT'LL BE OKAY, SINCE I DON'T HAVE TO EAT
Well, this is for my food, but I do have my own money...
SIGH

He's gotten used to saying such things.
How...
did this Bo-chan live?
...Looking at him,
his complexion doesn't look bad.
I DON'T NEED FOOD
I'll make sure he's fed.
chirp
Well,
EXCUSE ME, YOU HAVE A PACKAGE
OKAY
Addressed to me...

YOU'RE STAYING...
AT A WEIRD PLACE
...TATE-WAKI
WHAT ABOUT OUR PROM-ISE?
HE HEH
THIS SOUNDS LIKE A SCRIPT FROM A DRAMA
...WELL...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, JYOU-SASAKI?
I GAVE YOU A MAP AND THE SCHEDULE OF THE SECURITY GUARDS
HAVE YOU BEEN DRINK-ING?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

I DON'T DRINK ALCOHOL.
IT'S SOMETHING... BETTER.
OKAY, JYOUGASAKI.
HURRY UP, HURRY UP, HURRY UP, HURRY UP, HURRY UP, HURRY UP!!
I'M GOING TO KILL YOU.
TATEWAKI,
YOU...
OKAY I UNDERSTAND.
I'M CURRENTLY PREPARING...
When he provides evidence of corruption
I wonder if he'll even still be alive.

...I don't need anything.
RYOUGA...
SAAAK-KIII...!!
YOU'RE MINE SO THERE'S NO WAY TO ESCAPE FROM ME.
DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT NO MATTER WHERE YOU GO YOU'RE MINE.
Ah,
he's looking down on me. It's not even funny.
Am I the only one you can bother,
Tatewaki...?

BEEF STEAK, SALAD, AND JYOUGA-SAKI-STYLE JAPANESE MISO SOUP.
YES
I DON'T REALLY KNOW HOW TO COOK ANYTHING FANCY
I'M GLAD
IT'S DELI-CIOUS
DOES IT TASTE GOOD?

I THOUGHT I SAID YOU DON'T NEED TO MAKE ME ANY FOOD, THOUGH
...EAT.
YOU'RE STILL A KID
AND NOTHING FROM THIS HOUSE IS MISSING
BUT WE CAN'T USE TOO MUCH OF GRAND-FATHER'S MONEY
I DIDN'T USE IT,
...HEY, BO-CHAN

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU THINK LIVE IN THE REAL WORLD INSTEAD OF LIVING IN A MAKE-BELIEVE WORLD LIKE THIS?
YOU'RE LIVING IN THIS OLD HOUSE THAT HAS NO MONEY, BUT YOU'RE A MAKE-BELIEVE BO-CHAN
I...
I AM CURRENTLY BEING THREATENED
BUT THE TRUTH IS I DON'T REALLY CARE
EVEN IF I HAVE TO GO SOMEWHERE I DON'T WANT TO GO, THERE ARE MANY HORRIBLE THINGS THAT OCCUR
THIS THREAT IS JUST ONE MORE JOB SIMILAR TO THE ONES I'VE DONE BEFORE
BUT...

I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN SAVE SOMEONE THAT MAY OR MAY NOT BE MY FRIEND.
IN MY HEART, I MAKE-BELIEVE THAT HE'S MY FRIEND.
I HAD MANY FRIENDS THAT...
WOULD PRETEND THAT THEY WERE BROTHERS OR PARENTS.
NO ONE WANTS TO LIVE IN THE REAL WORLD.
SO, ISN'T IT OKAY...
IF TOMORROW'S BREAKFAST IS CRISPY BACON AND EGGS, BO-CHAN?
IT'S NOT LIKE I'LL GET PUNISHED
FOR WANTING TO SPOIL SOMEONE ELSE EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE

I DON'T PLAN ON TAKING ANY-THING FROM THIS HOUSE,
SINCE THE ONLY PEOPLE LIVING HERE ARE A SO-CHAN WHO HASN'T EXPERI-ENCED THE REAL WORLD AND AN OLD MAN WHO CAN'T EVEN WALK
IN THIS WORLD THAT'S FULL OF DIRTY AND DANGER-OUS THINGS,
THIS PLACE HASN'T BEEN DESTROYED IT'S LIKE A MIRACLE
THIS PLACE SHOULD JUST STAY A MIRA-CLE

No,
I'm starting not to care...
CALLS...
ALL OF THEM ARE FROM TATEWAKI-KUN...
56 OF THEM...
...
THIS IS A BAD OMEN.
TO FEEL THIS WAY BEFORE A DANGEROUS HEIST MEANS I'LL DEFINITELY DIE
Zzz...
PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE AFTER THE BEEP
cReak
PHEW

HAVE NO PLANS OF BETRAYING YOU
TATEWAKI, I...
...It's make-believe.
I don't even know why I continue living.
I need to be serious while playing make-believe.
CLANK

Is this my reality?
Or is thinking this way...
make-believe as well?
...IT'S BEAUTIFUL
Tap
...ARE YOU ASLEEP?
ACK!!
I DID KNOCK
GETS UP

GRANDFATHER IS ASKING FOR YOU
OKAY...
AH, THIS IS...
Just a hobby
THEY'RE ALL VERY SHINY
THEY'LL DEFINITELY TURN A PRETTIER COLOR
HUH?

.WELL,
I HEARD THAT YOU'VE BEEN WORKING HARD
..AH,
IT'S NOTHING.
HAS HE MISTAKEN ME FOR A REAL EMPLOYEE?
WORKING HERE MUST BE HARD, SINCE THE HOUSE IS VERY OLD.
IN ORDER TO SURVIVE, WE SELL SOME OF OUR HOUSEHOLD BELONGINGS
THAT'S WHY
I'M TAKING THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW YOU THIS HOUSE'S MOST PRECIOUS ITEM
DID YOU KNOW THAT
THAT MANTLE PIECE IS A FAKE?

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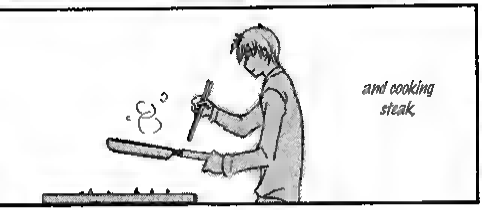
6
THE SECURITY CODE IS
IT'S TRUE VALUE... CAN'T BE PAID WITH MONEY.
THAT IS AN HEIRLOOM THAT MY DEAD WIFE RECEIVED FROM HER MOTHER
IT'S ALWAYS BEEN HANDLED WITH CARE

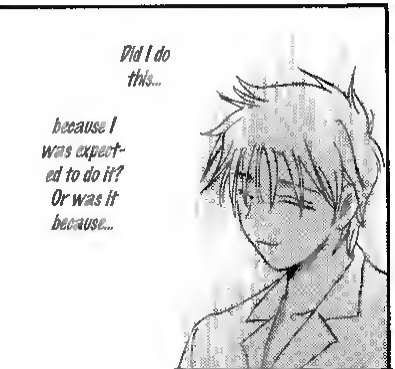
RUBY.
IT'S THIS HOUSE'S...
BA-THUMP
IT COULD JUST BE A SPI-NEL
It doesn't matter
SO IT MAY OR MAY NOT BE A RUBY
WE'VE NEVER HAD IT EXAM-INED,
doesn't matter
That
This is...
something I've..

...always wanted.
The deep red ruby from my dreams...!!
IF IT WERE EVER STOLEN,
IT WOULD BE VERY.
SAD.
SO, PLEASE...
RETURN IT.

RING
I CAN'T WAIT ANY LONGER, JYOUGA-SAKI.
YOU DON'T EVEN EXPLAIN TO ME WHAT YOU'VE BEEN DOING.
DO YOU THINK I BELIEVED YOU WHEN YOU SAID YOU WOULDN'T BETRAY
YOU'RE ALWAYS ACTING LIKE I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING.
JUST STAY CALM AND RELAX.
YOU'RE TO CARRY OUT THE PLAN.
TOMORROW.
I WON'T ACCEPT IT IF YOU TRY TO BETRAY ME.



I'm always calm.



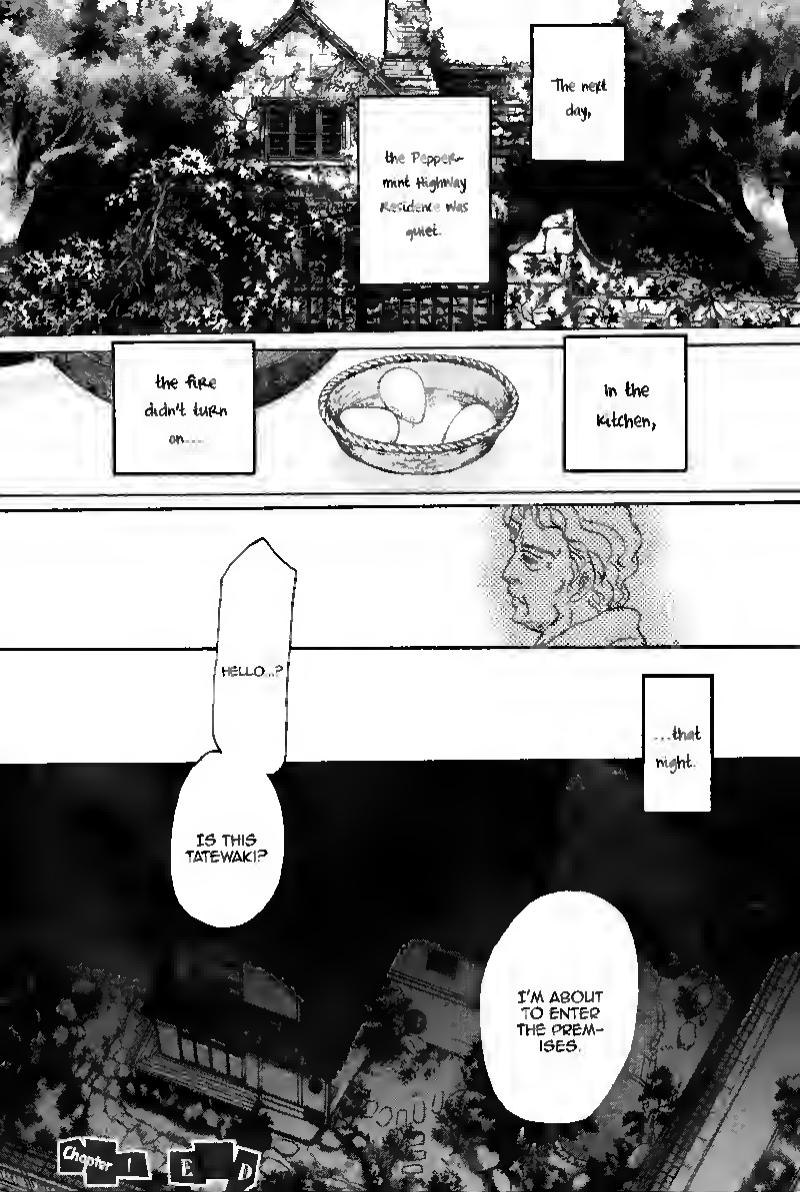
Of course, I won't return this.

What are you talking about, old man?

There's a limit to miracles.

"and scrambled eggs."
"Tomorrow, I'd like bacon.."
Sigh
This red..
stone..
is mine.
Huh?
When did Bo-chan request eggs?
Was I just hearing things?

The old man...
took some sleeping pills and fell asleep
He shouldn't notice anything until tomorrow.
Nonchalantly, I'll break the eggs.
mix them lightly.
and make scrambled eggs...
...as a thank you for this stone.
It was definitely...
...because it was make-believe that I was able to do all of these things so calmly


The next day,
the Peppermint Highway Residence was quiet.
the fire didn't turn on....
in the kitchen,
HELLO...?
...that night.
IS THIS TATEWAKI?
I'M ABOUT TO ENTER THE PREMISES.
Chapter 1 END

← Yume (MS male staff)
Reader XXX, we have a ton of projects, and 70% of them are smut based.
Oh my he is gorgeous I wonder if he can be eaten.
You have come to the right place for your smut and shoujo addiction. Do not feel shy because that is not a crime.
Erm, Int What kind of help do you need?
← Shindou (MS male staff)
So, you've heard that we are recruiting, which has led you to us.
Did our smut series bring you here? Or, Was it the fact we had not released xxvt that made you want to help?
We need more cleaners, Editors, and also, Japanese translators.
The intense look in his eyes is burning through my heart
Erm... I'd love to help you out... Just tell me What do you need of me, and I'll give it to you
Are you ready to help us with out with SMUT and SHOUJO addictions? if yes, come join us. We will not mistreat you... I will be with you every step of the way

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ANOTHER YEAR HAS PASSED BY, WITHOUT US REALIZING THAT MIDNIGHT SCANS IS NOW 2 YEARS OLD. INDEED, WE CAN SAY THAT THE ALL THE STAFF MEMBERS, BOTH OLD AND NEW, HAVE REALLY BEEN SO COMMITTED TO THE GROUP BY ALLOWING THEMSELVES TO BE SOMETIMES TORTURED, WHIPPED, AND STABBED BY THE CRAZY ADMINS

WE'D LIKE TO TAKE THIS CHANCE TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT OF THANKS TO ALL THESE PEOPLE
FIRST THANKS GOES TO KUINN WHO DOES MS ONE HUGE FAVOR, AND THAT IS BY BULLYING A CRAZY ADMIN, SO THAT THE MENTIONED ADMIN COULD STAY SANE WITH US. SECOND, THE ENTIRE MS FAMILY WOULD LIKE TO ALPHA^ WHO ALLOWS US TO MAKE USE OF HIS WONDERFUL TORSKO. WE JUST WOULD LIKE TO SAY SORRY WHENEVER WE SEE TORSKO BEING RAPED BY OUR FANGIRLS. THIRD IS FOR OUR WONDERFUL FRIENDS FROM OUR JOINT GROUPS FOR BEING PATIENT WITH US (YES, FISHIE THAT INCLUDES YOU.) LAST, WE COULD NOT MISS THANKING SHINJIN, QUON, HAN, AND MASSO, THE 4 MYSTERIOUS DUDES WHO CAMP IN OUR STAFF ROOM, ENTERTAINING US WITH THEIR WEIRD STORIES OF THEIR COUGHPRIVATELIVESCOUGH

NOW WE GO TO ATTY'S MOMENT OF THANKS TO THE STAFF MEMBERS..

TO OUR DEAREST SCANNERS, AERINVES AND MERCY,
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BEING SO PATIENT WITH ME AS I OFTEN SO, "LET'S GET THIS, THIS AND THIS555", WHICH ENDED TO STACK YOU WITH MORE AND MORE WORK. WITHOUT YOU TWO, WE WILL NEVER HAVE GREAT SCANS. AS WHAT SUSHITRAIN HAD SAID, YOU GUYS ARE MY FAVORITE FOR GIVING ME SUCH GREAT SCANS.

TO THE TRANSLATORS,
I JUST CAN'T STOP LOVING YOU, YOU'VE BEEN CONSTANTLY PROVIDING ME MORE AND MORE TRANSLATIONS. WITHOUT YOU ALL, WE'LL NOT BE WHOLE. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR WORKS AND KEEP THEM COMING

TO THE DEAREST PR TEAM,
THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING YOURSELVES TO BE POKED, STABBED AND YELLED AT. I'M FOREVER IN YOUR DEBT, AND YES, I'LL DO MY BEST TO BRING IN MORE SMUT MANGA AS PER REQUEST BY AYECHAN. KEEP UP YOUR GOOD WORK. I LOVE YOU GUYS!!!

TO OUR SMALL TEAM OF EDITORS,
THANK SO MUCH FOR YOUR HARD WORK AND EFFORT YOU GIVE IN EDITING AS FAST YOU COULD JUST SO WE ALL COULD HAVE THE RELEASES OUT THERE. AS HIKA SAID, WE SHOULD BE HONORING YOU GUYS SINCE YOU ARE THE ONES WHO FACE HARDSHIPS OF REMOVING THOSE CRAZY SFX AND OF REDRAWING AND CLONING TILL EVERYTHING IS PERFECT

LASTLY TO OUR DEAREST FANGIRLS/BOYS,
THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR WONDERFUL COMMENTS AND THE NOT SO WONDERFUL COMMENTS THAT YOU GIVE. WE'RE HAPPY THAT YOU APPRECIATE OUR WORKS, AND WE HOPE THAT WE CONTINUE HEARING MORE OF THOSE LOVELY COMMENTS

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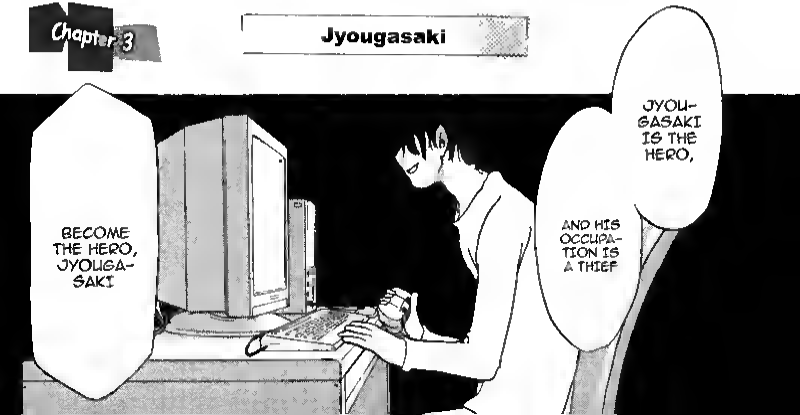
Chapter 3

Jyougasaki



Chapter 3

Puts on
OKAY
At that time, this red stone was like the sunset
THIS IS TATEWAKI'S FATHER'S DETACHED RESI-DENCE
THIS WAS BUILT FOR HIS AGING MOTHER TO LIVE IN
IS SHE HERE?
AN OLD WOMAN LIVES ALONE IN A LARGE HOUSE LIKE THIS
IT REALLY IS HERE WHERE HE SAID IT WOULD BE

"you have for your life."
"Show me the pride..."
I felt like I heard Bo-chan's voice.
there would be someone who wouldn't want me to live that way.
Even if I lived the way I wanted to live,
I think we'd be an elegant race.
If we could live while thinking like that

there would be someone who would take it away from me.
Even if I could get what I want
I don't know anything about pride. I only know this world.
Beep
Beep
Beep
WHEN I WAS A KID, I ALWAYS WANTED TO PLAY THIS GAME
...THIS IS SUCH A BORING GAME.

SINCE IT'S HIM, HE'LL DO WELL.
RIGHT ABOUT NOW, JYOUSASAKI SHOULD BE INSIDE THE SECONDARY RESIDENCE.
Hello... Is this Tatewaki?
I'm about to enter the premises.
HE SHOULD'VE ALREADY DESTROYED ANYTHING THAT COULD BE USED AS EVIDENCE
IN CASE ANYTHING HAPPENS, I HAD HIM MEMORIZE IT
I GAVE HIM THE DATA ON THE GUARDS
I wonder how many assets he has from corruption and tax evasion.
AND I'LL BECOME SOMEONE LIVING ON THE STREETS AGAIN
THAT MAN WILL BE RUINED,

I'll lose everything.
Dad probably won't become weak until he's penniless.
If someone else were to see everything that...
The hero, Jyougasaki...
This is exactly...
what I desire.
The hero, Jyougasaki.
"He's very fortunate."
I have right now, they'd think.
If someone else were to see everything that...

Jyouqasaki...
I don't need anything.
I was telling the truth when I said...
I'm running away from both fates.
I am...
Right now.
I wanted to go somewhere where I'd be more fortunate than someone else.
That's why I'm bitter.
I liked how cool you were.
That's why I'm bitter.

...satisfied.

HELLO?
IT'S ME.
I KNOW, I KNOW. I'LL DEFINITELY STOP BY THE STORE...
NO PURCHASE A LOT OF DON PIERRE.
CLICK
TODAY, I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK OF YOU
I JUST WANT YOU TO CALL THE SECONDARY RESIDENCE FOR ME
WELL, YOU KNOW I HAVE TO THINK ABOUT MY POSITION
I DON'T REALLY WANT ANYONE TO FIND OUT THAT I KNOW LOTS OF INSIDE INFORMATION
IT'S JUST THAT THERE SEEMS TO BE A FOUL KID AFTER MY FATHER
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT A POLITICAL OPPONENT?
PLEASE TELL THE GUARDS TO BE ON THE LOOKOUT, AND HAVE THEM CHECK THE RESIDENCE
YEAH, HURRY

HEY YOU HAVE THE DISPOSABLE CELLPHONE YOU USE FOR CUSTOMERS YOU DON'T LIKE RIGHT?
TELL THEM THAT THE INFORMATION ON THE GUARDS AND THEIR SCHEDULE MAY HAVE BEEN LEAKED.
NO, DON'T CALL THE POLICE. I DON'T WANT THIS TO TURN INTO A BIG DEAL.
THAT'S ALL YOU HAVE TO DO.
I'LL BUY YOU AS MANY NEW ONES AS YOU WANT
THEN, ERASE ALL OF THE DATA ON IT AND THROW IT AWAY
USE THAT.
I FIGURED I'D CONTACT YOU JUST IN CASE.
PLEASE BE CAREFUL FROM NOW ON
THERE ARE A LOT OF IMPORTANT THINGS LOCATED THERE
JUST A WHILE AGO, I RECEIVED A STRANGE PHONE CALL...
AND WAS TOLD TO BE CAREFUL OF TRESPASSERS.
I DON'T KNOW...
WHO IT COULD HAVE BEEN.
AH, HELLO?
IT'S ME. IS THIS THE GUARDS' ROOM?
NO, IT'S NOTHING I WANT GRANDMOTHER TO KNOW ABOUT...

I'D LIKE YOU TO SHOOT AND KILL
AH, OF COURSE. I UNDERSTAND.
HELLO? AH? MAY I HELP YOU? WHO IS THIS?
I JUST RECEIVED SOME WEIRD INFORMATION...
IT WAS A WOMAN'S VOICE.
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
IT'S NOTHING
GATHER PEOPLE!
WE'RE GOING TO FIND THE GUARDS AND GIVE THEM THEIR GUNS
I definitely didn't tell the guys that I used to
I'll just tell them that I received unsettled information from someone I trust
Grab Yanagisaka when I was looking for him

but I changed my mind.

I changed my mind, Jyougasaki.

At first, I didn't plan on doing this.

...!!
HEY, IS THIS REAL?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
THERE'S NO EVIDENCE THAT ANYONE HAS BEEN ON THE SECOND FLOOR!!
DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN!
HAVE SOMEONE STAND GUARD WHERE THERE ARE NO CAMERAS.

IF ANY OF YOU WORK INCOMPETENTLY, PREPARE TO DROWN AT THE BOTTOM OF THE OCEAN!!
DON'T OVERLOOK ANYTHING!!
HUH?
CHATTER
CHATTER
HOW ABOUT OVER HERE? USE ALL OF YOUR ENERGY AND LOOK AROUND!!
ACK.
IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE THEY'VE FOUND OUT THAT I TRESPASSED ONTO THE PROPERTY

Of course, there aren't any decent hiding places here!!
...Okay.
This is the most important part.
RAT TLE
I CAN'T CONFIRM THE "INSIDE" AREA
YES.
THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF AN INTRUDER.
YES.
I'M UNSURE OF HOW HE ENTERED.
...
AH, HELLO?
YES. THIS IS THE GUARD'S ROOM.
IS SOMEONE THERE?
NO.
THEN, GO SEARCH OVER THERE.

I've finished my first goal...
of finishing the guards' operation manual
OKAY.
THEN, I'LL STAND GUARD FOR A WHILE IN THIS ROOM.
YES,
I HAVEN'T TOLD ANY OF THE LOWER LEVEL GUYS ABOUT THIS PLACE
I'M BEING DISCREET ABOUT IT.
ANYWAY, I CAN'T JUST STAY AROUND HERE
EVERY-ONE WILL THINK IT'S STRANGE
I'LL JUST SMOKE ONE CIGARETTE THEN WALK AROUND HERE
WE CAN CONFIRM THE "INSIDE" AREA ONCE THE UPPER LEVEL AR-KIVES

MAYBE HE'LL SAY HOW TO ENTER...
THE WATER SUPPLY TO THE BATHTUB IS NORMALLY TURNED OFF AND DOESN'T RUN
BUT IF YOU REMOVE IT, IT OPENS UP, YAKUZA-SAN
I'M GLAD IT'S QUIET HERE
This...
moves like this...
thanks to the gasket.
Drainage Pipe
Hole
Stainless steel
Bathtub
I WAS SO NERVOUS WHEN I TURNED IT OFF THAT IT MIGHT MOVE..
THANKFULLY, IT SEEMS THAT THE STAINLESS STEEL DRAIN OPENING TO THE DRAINAGE PIPE STAYED PUT
FROM INSIDE, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO PUT THE PIPE BACK INTO PLACE
FURTHERMORE EVEN IF THE PIPE IS PUT BACK INTO PLACE, THERE'S NO WAY OF ESCAPING... SO IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME
WHERE ARE THE ELECTRICAL WIRES FOR THE ALARM LOCATED?
There are two alarm systems here.
On inspection, the outside alarm is used as a preliminary measure. It's an average alarm located on the outside wall and the front entrance.
All of the questionable documents and the goods made out of gold are hidden underneath this area.

When it's moved, the alarm will notify the guards' office.
This place will be investigated...
only have one chance.
but I'll presently...
I could cut the alarm to the location of the documents that I'm after,
...What to do?
I won't be able to obtain the item I'm after, and there will be many people on guard.
Until the people above determine that this place is safe,
I'll be found here like a stupid idiot
Either way, once the man that knows about this place inspects it.

What should I do...?
so why are there so many people around all of a sudden?
It's not like they found out there was an intruder.
I believe that...
that scream was real...
and was partly just an irritation towards me...
Did something happen to Tatewaki? Did he do something...?
...

The item...

that I've always wanted...

He definitely...

doesn't know what he really wants.

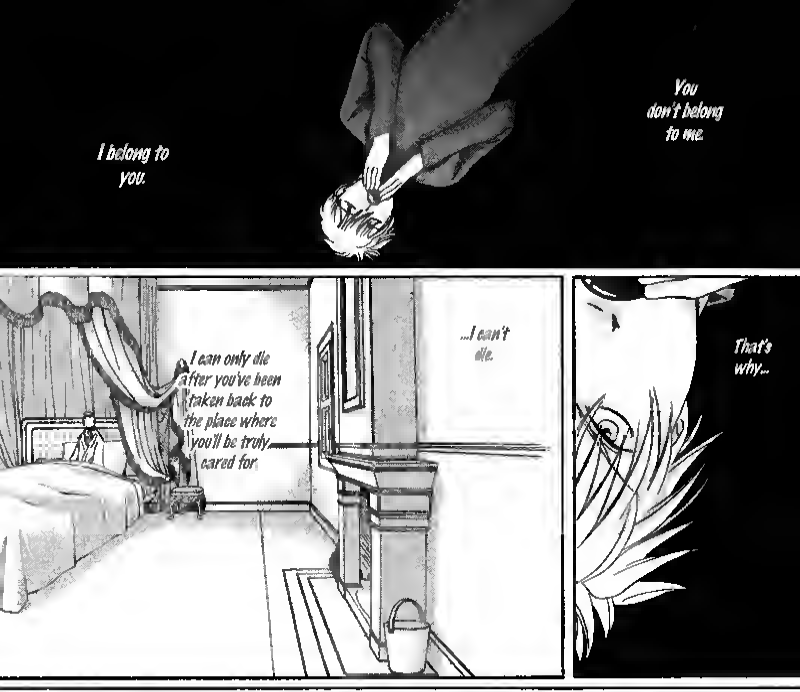
But...

it wouldn't surprise me if he suddenly changed his mind.

It's dark, so I can't really see,
but you're definitely beautiful.
If...
I...
was to be killed here, what would happen to this ruby...?
...?
You were treated very preciously at that residence.
It's certain that you'll become the last flower for this thief...

It will definitely be taken...
by the Yakuza or by Tatewaki's father...
With just one look, you can tell that this stone is valuable.
"It is this residence's most precious item."
What will happen to this after that, though?
This stone will stay beautiful forever.
I don't care about myself.
I can die happy knowing that I've accomplished my dream
I took it...
and brought it here

We returned to
has a place that it needs to...
This stone...
I don't know anything about pride.
I only know that...
I'll sacrifice myself for your light.
"Show me the pride..."
you have for your life."


I belong to you.
You don't belong to me.
I can only die after you've been taken back to the place where you'll be truly cared for.
...I can't die.
That's why...

Pride in my soul...

I'll give up my dark life for something that I really want

I don't mind dying, but I can't die yet.

This isn't make-believe,

and it's not pretend.

WELL, IT COULD BE A TRICK THINGS LIKE THAT DO OCCUR TO IMPORTANT PEOPLE
ARE YOU SURE THE YOUNG MASTER WASN'T JUST NERVOUS?
SO, YOU HAVEN'T SEEN ANY-THING?
THIS IS SO STUPID
I'VE BEEN TAKEN CARE OF BY THIS RESIDENCE'S SENSEI.
BUT IM-PORTANT PEOPLE ARE AL-WAYS IN DISAR-RAY
What's up with this trick?
YOU GUYS STAY RIGHT HERE AND DON'T COME INSIDE.
I HAVE TO PERFORM A SPECIAL TRICK.
It seems that things are beginning to calm down "above".
...!
...?!
I have to act while he's on top, since it'll be too late once he calls some-one.
...I'm by myself
OKAY

B4M
With all...
my strength
Who are you?!
Don't move!!
DAMN!
BANG
BANG

WHAT'S THE MATTER?!
DON'T MOVE,
OR I'LL CUT HIS THROAT!!
HEY, HEY
STOP JOKING AROUND, KID
I DIDN'T THINK THERE'D ACTUALLY BE ANYONE IN HERE
WHO ARE YOU WITH, KID?
AH, YOU HAVE GREAT EYES.
YOU'RE HANDSOME
I CAN'T DIE HERE.

WELL, I CAN'T GRANT YOUR WISH.
WE WON'T KILL YOU JUST YET
WE'LL KILL YOU AFTER WE HEAR EVERYTHING YOU HAVE TO SAY
AS EXPECTED FROM A "REAL" GUARD. HE'S CALM
ANIKI!!
THERE WILL BE A CHANCE WITH THE YOUNGER MAN
I'LL ATTACK HIM IN A NARROW SPACE

T/n: *Refers to an older man/older brother

ATT
EATS
HOW LONG ARE YOU PLANNING ON MAKING ME WAIT?
I KNOW THAT TOO
BREAKFAST IS A MEAL THAT ONE EATS IN THE MORNING
ATTEATS
ATTEATS
What...?
AND...
I DON'T REMEMBER SAYING THAT I WANTED TO LEAVE THE HOUSE.

Lines through
Lines through
BANG
WHAT IS THAT KID?
BANG
WATCH OUT—
Tremble
...!!
Tremble
ACK...
IS THAT HOW YOU SHOW YOUR PRIDE?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I'M FINE WITH BLOOD AND GUNS, BUT THIS...
HEY, WAIT...

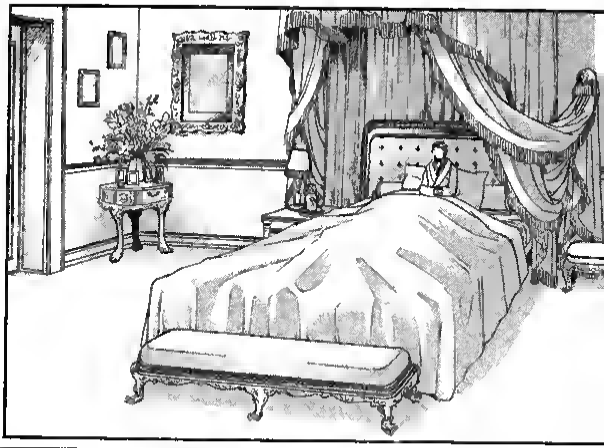
THE HIGHER A PERSON'S PRIDE IS,
THE DARKER I BECOME
Cloudy
Cloudy
I'M JUST BEING MYSELF.
BUT I CHANGE IF THERE'S SOMEONE WHO WANTS ME AND PROTECTS ME
Uwaaaaah!

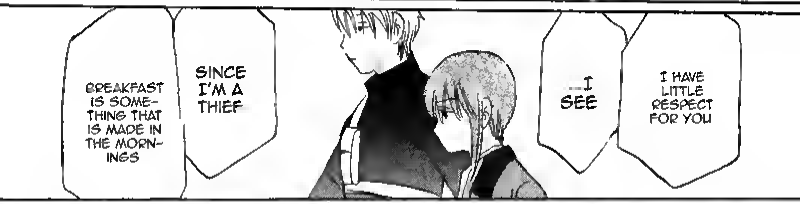
I UNDER-
STAND,
ROCK-LIKE
BO-CHAN
I
AM
NOT
"LIKE"
A
ROCK

CLOUDY
CLOUDY

LET'S GO HOME !
I...
DIDN'T PLAN ON LEAVING THE HOUSE
HE PROBABLY THOUGHT THAT I'D BE ABLE TO HELP YOU.
THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH GRANDFATHER
WHEN HE SAID THAT HE WANTED TO SHOW "ME" TO YOU,

On purpose...?




I HAVE LITTLE RESPECT FOR YOU
...I SEE
SINCE I'M A THIEF
BREAKFAST IS SOMETHING THAT IS MADE IN THE MORNINGS

THE EGGS
ARE ALSO WAITING FOR YOU

I'M SAYING THAT IT'S OKAY FOR YOU TO RETURN HOME.
NO.
AND IT CAN'T BE ADJUSTED.
WITH THIS WRISTBAND, HE'LL KNOW MY WHEREABOUTS.
S Card Group
SUPER
WRISTBAND?
TAP
Falls apart
IT'S BROKEN
TAP
I'M LUCKY.
DID THE WRISTBAND GET HIT WHEN I WAS BEING SHOT AT...?!
TAP
Ah,
there is such a thing.

There is.
I wished that Tatewaki's irritation would just bubble over and flood.
THIS IS...
YOU...
YOUNG MAS-TER?!
For an instant...
AH...
...that probably won't happen.
HE DIDN'T DIE.
...
But...
WELL, WE'RE GOING TO LOOK FOR HIM ONCE WE GATHER MORE MEN.
HE WAS A HAND-SOME, YOUNG MAN

my pity for you and the illusion that you were my friend disappeared.
JYOU-GASAKI,
HOW FAR DID YOU ?
HE DISAP-PEARED WITHOUT A TRACE
After that,

As long as it's in Tatewaki's hands, he's happy.

As long as it's in my hands, he'll never be happy.

I may be wrong,

but...

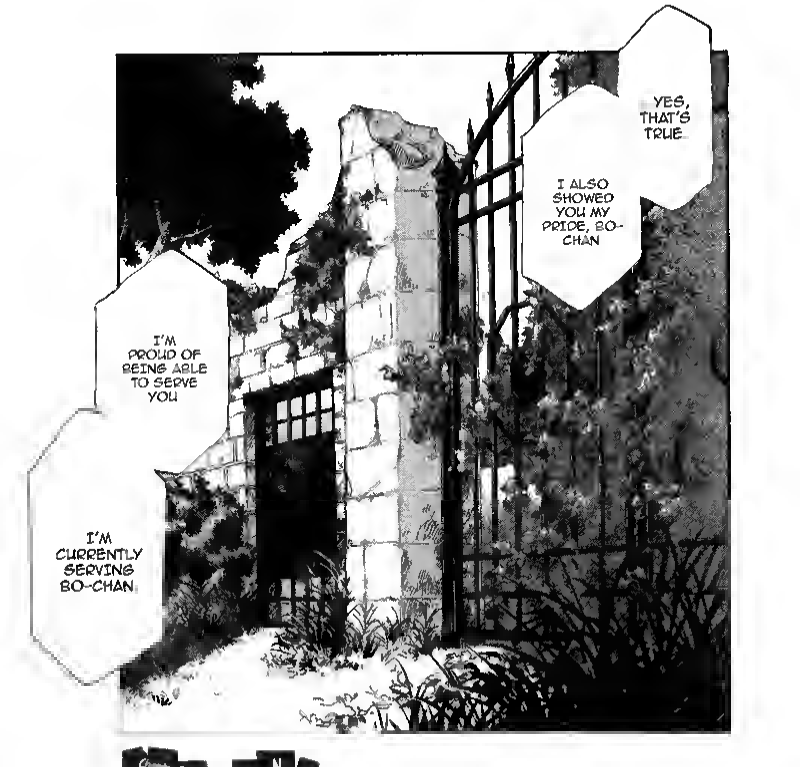
I think that's what he really wants.

"pride you have for your life."

"Show me the..."

He beat up a person that he didn't even know while he was drunk.

GRAND-FATHER SAID THAT HE LENT... "me" to you
JYOUGASAKI SAID HE STOLE... "me".
I...DON'T KNOW.
TODAY'S BREAK FAST IS...
SAUTÉED SALMON AND DAIZU SOUP
IT CAN ALSO BE CALLED FRIED SALTED SALMON AND MISO SOUP.
OKAY.
ANYWAY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I FEEL LIKE YOU'VE BEEN HERE FOR DAYS.



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← Yume (MS male staff)
Reader XXX, we have a ton of projects, and 70% of them are smut based.
Oh my he is gorgeous I wonder if he can be eaten.
You have come to the right place for your smut and shoujo addiction. Do not feel shy because that is not a crime.
Erm, Int What kind of help do you need?
← Shindou (MS male staff)
So, you've heard that we are recruiting, which has led you to us.
Did our smut series bring you here? Or, Was it the fact we had not released xxvt that made you want to help?
We need more cleaners, Editors, and also, Japanese translators.
The intense look in his eyes is burning through my heart
Erm... I'd love to help you out... Just tell me What do you need of me, and I'll give it to you
Are you ready to help us with out with SMUT and SHOUJO addictions? if yes, come join us. We will not mistreat you... I will be with you every step of the way

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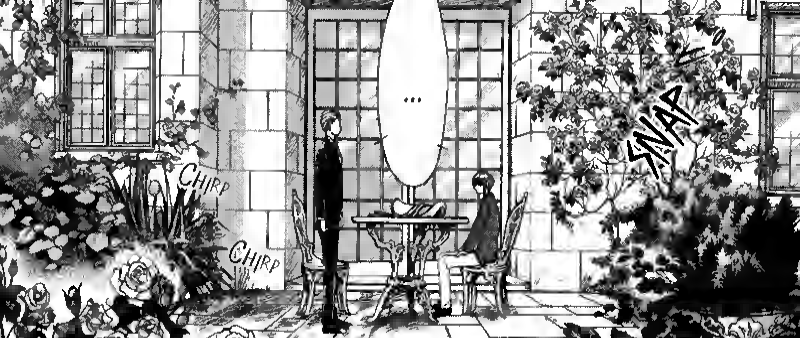
Chapter 4

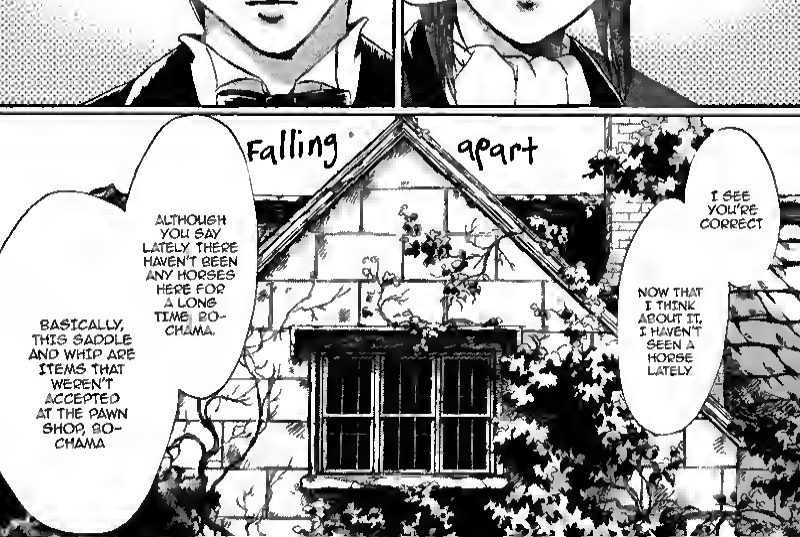
HAKKA KOUJI-SAMA.
WHAT AN INTEREST-ING NAME
BRRRMMM
..YES.
YES, THAT IS THE HOUSE WHERE YOU WILL BE GOING
A MASTER WHO'S A LITTLE STRANGE AND A BUTLER LIVE THERE. SO PLEASE BE USEFUL TO THEM.
THE PEPPERMINT HIGHWAY RESIDENCE IS RIGHT PAST HERE
YES.
MANY CREATURES LIVE HERE SO THIS AREA IS VERY DAN-GEROUS AT NIGHT EVEN IN A CAR
AH,
IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE TORN DOWN BY NOW, BUT IT'LL HAPPEN SOMETIME NEXT YEAR
THEY HAVEN'T BEGUN...
THE RESTO-RATION IN THIS AREA...

RAT TLE
Clank
JYOU-GASAKI,
I WAS THINKING OF RIDING THE HORSE THIS AFTER-NOON
BRING THE SADDLE
...
Rustle
CERTAINLY, GO-CHAMA.
HERE'S THE SADDLE
AH,
I MAKE IT MY DUTY TO BE KNOWL-EDGEABLE WHEN IT COMES TO GO-CHAMA.
YOU'RE QUICK
TWACK
I UNDER-STAND.
HERE'S THE WHIP.
I CAN'T RIDE A HORSE WITH JUST A SADDLE.
BRING ME THE WHIP


...
SNAP
CHIRP
CHIRP

YOU NEED A HORSE.
SO-CHAMA, I BELIEVE...

WHAT ELSE IS NEEDED TO GO HORSE RIDING?
AND...


Falling apart
BASICALLY, THIS SADDLE AND WHIP ARE ITEMS THAT WEREN'T ACCEPTED AT THE PAWN SHOP, SO-CHAMA
ALTHOUGH YOU SAY LATELY THERE HAVEN'T BEEN ANY HORSES HERE FOR A LONG TIME, SO-CHAMA.
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, I HAVEN'T SEEN A HORSE LATELY.
I SEE YOU'RE CORRECT

TODAY'S MY 121ST DAY, BO-CHAMA
IS THAT SO? YOU'VE DONE A GREAT JOB INDEED. YOU'RE AN EXCELLENT BUTLER AND YOU'VE BEEN VERY HELP-FUL TO ME
IS THAT SO?
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, I REMEM-BER HAVING THIS CONVER-SATION BE-FORE
Ding Dong
...AGAIN?
HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE WE HIRED FROM ALL THE PEOPLE HE'S INTRO-DUCED?
HE HAS INTRO DUCED ABOUT 43 PEOPLE
AND NONE OF THEM WERE HIRED.
TAKAMORI FROM THE PAWN-SHOP...
SAID THAT HE WOULD INTRODUCE US TO A NEW MAID.
...ARE WE EXPECTING A VISITOR TOD...Y?

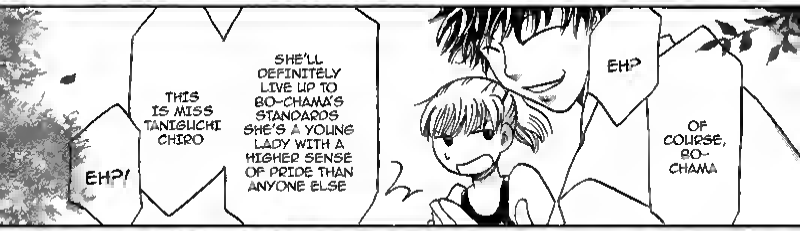
My name is Taniguchi Chiro.
...WOW...
THIS RESIDENCE IS REALLY FALLING APART...
Chiro is the name of a dog I used to own.
I have another name that my parents gave me.
I changed my name because I think the dog's name suits me more...
COME HERE, CHIRO-KUN.
LET ME INTRO-DUCE YOU TO THE MASTER.
This person is Takamori-san. He works at a pawnshop, lends out money, and also does many other jobs.
It's sometimes said that he deals with people as well.
NO, IT'S NOT SELLING PEOPLE
IT'S JUST AN OCCUPATION MEDIATION INDUSTRY
Hahaha

PEOPLE WITH A HIGH SENSE OF PRIDE
THAT MEANS SHE QUALIFIES, RIGHT?
This...
THE ONLY PEOPLE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE PEPPERMINT HIGHWAY RESIDENCE ARE...
Whoosh
IS THIS HER, TAKAMORI?
I'm at this residence... because of Takamori's introduction

NO ONE WITHOUT PRIDE IS ALLOWED IN THIS RESIDENCE.
IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW MANY PEOPLE YOU INTRODUCE TO ME

There's a strange person here...!!

There...


EH?
OF COURSE, BO-CHAMA
SHE'LL DEFINITELY LIVE UP TO BO-CHAMA'S STANDARDS SHE'S A YOUNG LADY WITH A HIGHER SENSE OF PRIDE THAN ANYONE ELSE
THIS IS MISS TANIGUCHI CHIRO
EH?!

BO—
BO-CHAMA, I...
DON'T FULLY UNDER-STAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING.

IT'S REALLY WRONG.
TAK-MORI-SAN, THAT'S CONSIDERED FRAUD, AND FRAUD IS WRONG.

N—NO
I DON'T THINK THAT'S ACCURATE EVEN THOUGH I SAY THAT

But, I'll still work here! I'll do my best!!
Nice to meet you!!
Bows
...
THREE DAYS
...
THREE DAYS
HUH?
SHOW ME THE PRIDE YOU HAVE FOR YOUR LIFE.

MY JOB IS TO POLISH THE HOUSEHOLD GOODS THAT HAVE HIGH VALUE
YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO TOUCH THEM
...THIS IS WHERE THE SILVER GOODS ARE STORED.
ALTHOUGH I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR IT I THOUGHT I SHOULD SHOW YOU
NOW, I'LL SHOW YOU TO THE LINEN CLOSET...
AH,
...YOU-- ASAKI--SAN?
YOUR JOB IS TO CLEAN AND MAKE THE BEDS
I'M ALSO IN CHARGE OF THE WINE
...YES
...
WHAT TYPE OF RESIDENCE IS THIS ?
AH
YES
WE DON'T HAVE ANY SILVER
WELL I DON'T SEE ANY SILVER GOODS
THIS PLACE SEEMS PRACTICALLY EMPTY
DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION?

CHIRO -KUN,
DO YOU KNOW THE JOB A BUTLER ENTAILS?
EH?
EH... AH...
WHILE THE JOB MAY SEEM ODD, IT'S AN IMPORTANT JOB THAT PROTECTS THE MASTER'S FORTUNE AND KEEPS HIM FROM HARM
FIRST I POLISH ALL OF THE VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND I'M IN CHARGE OF STORING THE WINE
ALSO WHILE THE MASTER IS EATING I'M HIS WAITER
I'M ALSO IN CHARGE OF LOCKING UP THE RESIDENCE, MAKING SURE THE FIRE IS OFF, AND WATCHING OVER THE MASTER
I SUPERVISE THE OTHER MALE EMPLOYEES THAT WORK HERE AS WELL.
BUT...
THERE ARE NO OTHER MALE EMPLOYEES HERE BESIDES ME
SO, I'M IN CHARGE OF SUPERVISING MYSELF
TAP
IN OTHER WORDS, THE JOB OF SUPERVISING THE FEMALE EMPLOYEES WOULD BE HANDLED BY A WOMAN
BUT SINCE YOU'RE THE ONLY FEMALE EMPLOYEE WORKING HERE YOU'RE TO SUPERVISE YOURSELF
SO IN OTHER WORDS THERE'S NOBODY WORKING HERE BUT US, RIGHT?

THIS RESIDENCE IS NOT ONLY SHORT ON EMPLOYEES
BUT ALSO...
ON MONEY.
...AH
I KIND OF FIGURED THAT...
IS THAT SO?
TWACK
FLAP
FLAP
SILVER CUTLERY AND SILVER TEA SET
MEISSEN POTTERY
BAKARA GLASS
CRASH
RUSTLE
CRYSTAL CHANDELIER
MAHOGANY CHEST
GARE DY LYON LAMP
MARBLE TABLE

EH?!
WOW...
DINING WORK?!
TAKAMORI TAKES THESE VALUABLE GOODS A LITTLE AT A TIME
Sparkle
WELL, IT'S JUST ENOUGH TO PAY FOR OUR SALARIES
OKAY, CLEANING IS DONE HERE
OF COURSE
YOU WERE ACTUALLY WATCHING?
STARTING TOMORROW YOU WILL CLEAN THIS AREA TOO
.....
PHEW
GIVE IT A TRY
CrAsh

I WAS EXPECTING THAT TO HAPPEN, BUT JUST HOW MUCH EXPERIENCE DO YOU HAVE WITH HOUSEKEEPING?
YES!!
I'M ASHAMED, BUT I HAVE NO EXPERIENCE! I WILL DO MY BEST!!
WILL THIS BE DEDUCTED FROM MY PAYCHECK?!
...IT WILL BE DEDUCTED.
...WHY IS IT THAT EVERYONE TAKAMORI BRINGS HERE ARE ALL...
Looking at you, I thought that you were smart.
YOU'RE ALSO...
JUST ONE OF THOSE IN NEED OF MONEY, RIGHT?
EH?
WELL, DO YOUR BEST.
ALTHOUGH YOU HAVE TO WORK EXTREMELY HARD HERE, YOU DO GET PAID WELL.
BUT IF YOU HAVE TOO MANY DEDUCTIONS, YOU CAN EASILY GO NEGATIVE.
I KNOW
SMILE
THIS HOUSE HAS A LOT OF ITEMS WITH MONETARY VALUE.
AND IT ALL JUST LIES AROUND.
...YE-...
YES.
What...!
What is with this person?

He's somehow suspicious...
AH, IN THIS LARGE HOUSE, IS BO-CHAN THE ONLY PERSON WE SERVE?
BO-CHAN'S GRANDFATHER, THE MASTER OF THIS RESIDENCE, ALSO LIVES HERE
BUT WE'RE NOT ALLOWED INSIDE THE MASTER'S BEDROOM...
BECAUSE BO-CHAN IS THE ONLY ONE ALLOWED TO CARE FOR THE MASTER.
IT SEEMS THAT A NEW PERSON HAS COME.
...
IT'D BE GREAT IF YOU DON'T RUN HER OUT...
THAT IS UNTHINKABLE, GRANDFATHER.
I HAVEN'T ONCE DONE SUCH A THING.

IF A GREEDY PERSON WAS TO ENTER AND SOMEHOW FIND IT AND STEAL IT,
IT MIGHT GET DIRTY OR SCRATCHED.
...IN THIS PLACE, THERE'S SOMETHING MUCH MORE VALUABLE THAN ANYTHING YOU COULD EVER IMAGINE
CHIRO-KUN,
DO YOU RE-MEMBER WHAT GO-CHAMA... SAID TO YOU EARLI-ER?
...HUH?
AH,
I THOUGHT HE WAS JOKING.
AH...
IT'S THE TRUTH, SO THE END RESULT COULD BE BAD.
AH...
THE HOUSE'S MASTER HAS HIDDEN ONE LARGE RUBY WITHIN THIS RESIDENCE
ONLY A PERSON WITH A HIGH SENSE OF PRIDE CAN ENTER THIS HOUSEHOLD.
THAT'S BECAUSE...

AS I EXPECTED THIS IS HARDER THAN I IMAGINED RATHER, I'M OF NO HELP
Sob...
BROKEN
WRINKLED
This is really strange...
PHEW
IT'S ALREADY SO LATE AFTER CLEANING THE TOILET
FLINCH
!
Unexpected meeting.
WELL, IT'S ONLY THE FIRST DAY
AH...
HUH? JYOU-GASAKI-SAN,
DIDN'T YOU GET OFF WORK ALREADY?
...AH.
OH...
THANK YOU FOR WORKING SO HARD.
Good night!!
OKAY.
I WAS THINKING OF POLISHING IT IN MY ROOM.
THIS
IS MADE OUT OF SILVER

JYOUGA-SAKI-SAN SEEMS LIKE AN EXCELLENT BUTLER.
BUT WHAT DID YOU DO BEFORE YOU CAME TO WORK HERE?
Stealing...
NO, NO, IT CAN'T BE. IT CAN'T BE.
WHAT AM I THINKING?
AH,
AH, JYOU-SASAKI-SAN!!
"I know."
"You're in need of money..."
...
I WAS A THIEF
Eh...?
...I STILL AM ONE.
Eh...?

Is this okay...?!
Ehhhhh?!
I DIDN'T GET MUCH SLEEP LAST NIGHT
WH—
WHAT DO I DO? WHAT DO I DO?
WAS HE JOKING OR WAS HE SERI-OUS?
A THIEF
Am I stupid?
What am I doing?
T/n: Thief in Jepanese is "dorobo"
Chirp Chirp Chirp
MUD AND
A STICK MAKES
T/n "Mud in Jepanese is "doro"
T/n "Stick in Japanese is "bo"
BO-BO-BO-BO—
Bo-chama?!
Kyaaaaa!
HAVE YOU FOUND WHAT YOU'RE PROUD OF YET?

HAVE YOU FOUND.
HAVE YOU FOUND.
AH
THIS RESI-DENCE
ONLY SOMEONE WITH A HIGH SENSE OF PRIDE IS ALLOWED TO STAY HERE, RIGHT?
YES.
THEN,
HOW ABOUT JYOUGA-SAKI-SAN...?
THAT
THAT IS...
because he has pride in being a thief ^7^
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I TELL HIM I DON'T NEED HIS SERVICES AND TRY TO KICK HIM OUT
HE WON'T LEAVE BE-CAUSE HE'S SO STUB-BORN
AH.
EVEN THOUGH HE'S LIKE THAT, HE HAS A HIGH SENSE OF PRIDE
AH...
MM
What should I do? I don't have any proof...
Should I tell him?!
BO-CHAMA.

YOU'VE DONE A GOOD JOB POLISHING...
AH...
THE HOUSEHOLD ITEM YOU HAVE RIGHT NOW.
Sparkle
BREAKFAST IS READY
I THOUGHT THAT WE SHOULD GIVE THIS PIECE TO TAKAMORI NEXT
YES,
YOU WORKED HARD
He might be returning it since I saw him yesterday.
No.
I'm not sure.
SMILE
HE—
"
HE DIDN'T STEAL IT?

What is pride, Bo-chama?!
I SHOULDN'T ACCUSE A PERSON I SHOULDN'T ACCUSE A PERSON WITHOUT PROOF
WOBBLE
WOBBLE
Ahhhh!
WAAA!
WOULDN'T IT BE SHOWING PRIDE TO REPORT WHEN YOU SEE A THIEF STEALING?
HUH?
NO, WAIT...THAT'S SOMETHING THAT PEOPLE SHOULD DO ANYWAY...
IS IT DIRTY? A ROOF LEAK? IS IT A STAIN...?
WHAT'S WITH THIS WALL?
WHAT?

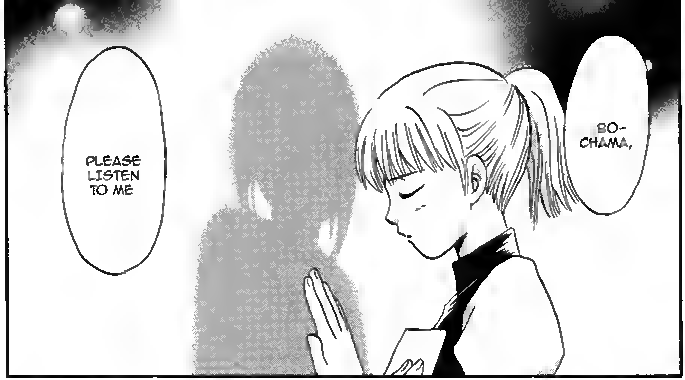
A person?
It can't be that there...
Is a body in here, or something like that...?
Yes, that's right.
It has to be a body with this weird atmosphere!! It's the stain of a body!!
HE-HE-HE-HELP ME,
CHIRO
Shake
Shake
Go-Go-Go-Good luck charm My and luck charm
Bo-chama's body is in here...?!
THIS STAIN SOMEHOW LOOKS LIKE BO-CHAMA!!
EHHHH!
EH?!
!!
BO-BO-BO-BO—...
BO-CHAMA?!

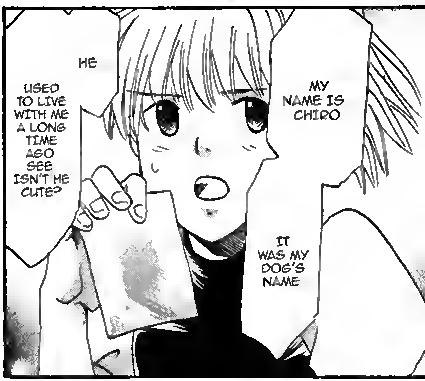
...I BELIEVE I DO.
I HAVE EVIL PRIDE...!
I CAN'T
DON'T YOU HAVE ANY SENSE OF PRIDE, JYOUGA-SAKI?!
...GIVE ME THE STONE.
THE HOUSE'S RUBY.
NO, WAIT A MO-MENT
NO
SOME-HOW, IT FELT... STRANGE
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT I CAME UP WITH SUCH A STUPID SCENARIO
"Have you found what you're proud of.?"
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT
SOME-THING LIKE THAT?
SOM
HE BURIED HIM HERE
SO WAS THE BO-CHAN THAT I SPOKE WITH A HOST?

AH, THAT'S RIGHT
THEY'RE DEFINITELY PLAYING A TRICK ON ME
APPEARS
EH?
...!
PIC-TURE?
...AH, YOU WERE HERE, CHIRO-KUN!
IS THIS YOURS?
DRIP

"Have you found..."
IF THE DAY I ARRIVED IS THE FIRST DAY,
TOMORROW WILL BE THE THIRD DAY
"what you're proud of?"
...HAVE YOU FOUND WHAT YOU'RE PROUD OF?
WHERE'S CHIRO-KUN?
IT SEEMS THAT SHE'S INSIDE HER ROOM.

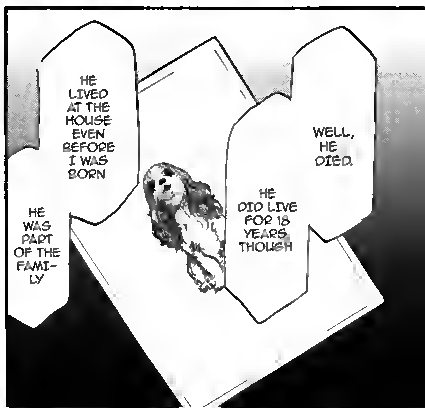
many, many times...
has asked me the same thing...
That person
tap
tap
DISAP
PEARS
Looks


SO-CHAMA,
PLEASE LISTEN TO ME


MY NAME IS CHIRO
IT WAS MY DOG'S NAME
HE USED TO LIVE WITH ME A LONG TIME AGO SEE ISN'T HE CUTE?

BUT I LOVED CHIRO...

HE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING AND HE COULDN'T EVEN GUARD THE HOUSE
HE COULDN'T PLAY CATCH OR EVEN CHASE AFTER US


WELL, HE DIED.
HE DID LIVE FOR 15 YEARS, THOUGH
HE LIVED AT THE HOUSE EVEN BEFORE I WAS BORN
HE WAS PART OF THE FAMI-LY

THIS COUNTRY
WAS DESTROYED ALL AT ONCE.
AND I BECAME ALONE
ALL OF THE ADULTS WERE TRYING THEIR HARDEST.
EVERYONE WAS TRYING THEIR HARDEST TO TRY AND REBUILD THIS COUNTRY.
I...
DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO COOK,
...AND I'M NOT REALLY GOOD AT CLEANING...
SINCE MY MOTHER USED TO DO EVERYTHING.
I'M NOT REALLY GOOD AT EARNING MONEY, EITHER.
SINCE MY FATHER BROUGHT HOME A PAYCHECK EVERY MONTH.

I WAS LOVED, AND THEY SPOILED ME,
AT 15,
I REALIZED THAT I DON'T KNOW HOW TO DO ANYTHING.
SO I STILL DON'T KNOW HOW TO DO ANYTHING
I NEVER FORGOT FATHERS' DAY OR MOTHERS DAY, BUT I BOUGHT THE PRESENTS WITH THE ALLOWANCE THAT I GOT FROM MY FATHER.
I WAS ALWAYS TOLD THAT STUDYING WAS MY JOB
OF COURSE, I KNEW...
THAT THE REASON I WAS LIVING THAT WAY WAS BECAUSE OF MY PARENTS.
I DON'T THINK THAT THE WAY I WAS RAISED WAS WRONG.
EVEN THOUGH I'M OF NO USE,
I
BUT
CHIRO BROUGHT ME LOTS OF HAPPINESS AND GAVE ME MANY THINGS.
JUST LIKE CHIRO'S 18 YEARS WEREN'T WRONG, RIGHT?
THE WAY MY MOM AND DAD TREATED ME WAS WRONG
IT'S NOT POSSIBLE THAT JUST BECAUSE THE WORLD CRUMBLED,

I'LL FIND SOMETHING ELSE THAT IS PRECIOUS TO PROTECT...
BUT SINCE I'M HUMAN,
CAN'T DO ANY-THING...
RIGHT NOW, I STILL...
RIGHT NOW, I'M STILL CHIRO,
BUT I'LL BECOME AN ADULT THAT OTHERS WILL BE PROUD OF AND LOVE
SO, UNTIL THAT DAY COMES, MY NAME IS CHIRO

...That's why I still don't...
have anything to be proud of. What should I do?!
FOR RIGHT NOW, IT'LL BE JUSTICE!
I WAS THINKING ABOUT FINDING JUSTICE. WOULD THAT BE OKAY?!
TWA
CK
BO-CHAN!!
BO-CHAN, TELL ME THE PERSON WHO KILLED YOU!!
I FIGURED IT MIGHT BE HARD FOR YOU TO SAY OUT LOUD, SO I MADE KOKKURI-SAN
AS I THOUGHT. IS IT THAT PERSON?! AM I RIGHT?!
AH
BO-CHAN MIGHT NOT HAVE SEEN THE CULPRIT!
IF THAT WASN'T THE CASE YOU WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO TALK
AH, WELL, ANYWAY, IF I WAS TO FIGHT HIM, I'D LOSE.
SO I THOUGHT THAT I COULD FIND EVIDENCE OF HIS CRIME!! WHAT DO YOU THINK?
T/n: "Like a Ouija Board"

WHAT CRIME?
WELL, IT WASN'T ME
EVEN WITH MY SKILLS, MY CRIMINAL TECHNIQUE IS ONLY THAT OF A LEVEL EIGHT THIEF
EH?
YOU HAVE HORRIBLE FAST.
THAT'S THE TYPE OF NAME THAT THE COPS GIVE
Kyaa!
Murderer!
MURDERER? JYOUGASAKI, HAVE YOU DONE STUFF LIKE THIS TOO?
NO. I'VE NEVER MURDERED ANYONE. I ONLY STEAL.

...WELL, NOW.
WHEN WERE YOU MURDERED, SO-CHAN?
DON'T SAY SUCH CRUDE THINGS. I'S NEVER MURDERED.
EH?
AH.
WELL...
WELL...!!
YES, BUT SHE...
WHEN WAS I MURDERED.
CHIRO-KUN?
...AH.
THIS IS A TRICK
THE WALL!!
I TAUGHT HIM HOW TO DO THAT FOR FUN
IT'S A COMING-OUT-OF-THE-WALL TRICK USED BY PHANTOM THIEVES.

YOU'RE LYING!!
I'M NOT
IT'S DEFINITELY A LIE.
NO, IT'S NOT.
IT WAS PRETTY LIVELY IN THE HALLWAY
Whisper
AH
I'M SORRY GRANDFATHER IT WAS REALLY NOISY, RIGHT?
IT'S FINE.
HOW?!
THAT'S A TRADE SECRET
Whisper

IT'S GRANDFATHER'S FAULT
THE SECRET SAFE ISN'T LOCATED IN A GOOD AREA.
SHE HAS A HIGH SENSE OF PRIDE, RIGHT? JUST WHAT YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR.
YOU SHOULD STILL WATCH OVER HER WHEN SHE ENTERS AND LEAVES THIS PLACE, THOUGH.
EVERY TIME I COME OUT FROM INSIDE THE FIREPLACE, I'M COVERED IN ASHES
I SEE I'M SORRY
THAT'S WHY I'M ENTERING AND EXITING FROM THE CORRIDOR
HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE YOU CAME TO ME?
IT'S BEEN 45 YEARS
WELL, PLEASE TAKE GREAT EFFORTS NOT TO GET STOLEN
THE LAST TIME, YOU TURNED VERY CLOUDY SINCE THE PEOPLE THAT TOOK YOU WERE FROM A HUMBLE BIRTH.
IT'S HARD FOR YOU TO COME BACK HERE
YES

I WAS PASSED ON FROM YOUR WIFE WHO KEPT ME AS A GOOD LUCK CHARM, AND I WAS PASSED TO HER BY HER MOTHER.
THE PERSON WHO GAVE IT TO HER WAS HER HUSBAND, AND THE PERSON WHO GAVE IT TO HIM.
WAS HIS BEST FRIEND.
I'VE BEEN HERE
FOR A VERY LONG TIME
YES
YOU NEVER CHANGE,
AND YOU HAVEN'T BECOME CLOUDY
IN A PLACE WHERE I CAN'T SEE YOU,
YOU'RE ALWAYS SHINING SO BRIGHTLY WITH PRIDE
CHIRO-SAN'S
PRIDE IS SIMILAR TO YOURS
...I THINK IT'S MORE UNLIKELY THAT LO-CHAN IS A GHOST.
YOU'RE LYING
IT'S NOT POSSIBLE. YOU'RE DEFINITELY LYING!!
That's true, but...

THE RUBY ON THE JEWELED CROWN ON DISPLAY OWNED BY THE ROYAL FAMILY IS SAID TO BE THE MOST ENORMOUS RUBY IN THE WORLD, WHEN IT'S ACTUALLY A SPINEL
THERE ARE NO RUBIES IN THE SAME CLASSIFICATION OF STONE THAT I AM IN
I'M NOT DISCRIMINATING
I'M BELIEVED TO BE A STONE THAT BRINGS HAPPINESS
I'M PASSED FROM ONE PERSON TO ANOTHER
A RUBY BUT PROBABLY JUST A WORTHLESS PRODUCT THOUGHT TO BE WORTH SOMETHING
THAT'S WHY I'M NOT...
I MIGHT BE A RUBY
BUT THAT'S
SOMETHING THAT DOESN'T MATTER TO ME
MY PRIDE...

...COMES FROM THE FACT THAT I M PASSED DOWN TO A PERSON WHO IS PRE-CIOUS TO THE ORIGINAL HOLDER
THEN, THAT PERSON ACCEPTS THE FEELINGS OF THE ORIGINAL HOLDER AND KEEPS ME SAFE AND LOVES ME
THOSE FEELINGS ARE WHAT GIVE ME MY PHYSICAL APPEAR-ANCE AND HAPPI-NESS
THAT PRIDE CAN'T BE JUDGED BY OTHERS,
AND THAT IS EVERY-THING
...MY PRIDE IS...
YOU.
HEY,
CHIRO-KUN, ARE YOU AL-LOWED TO STAY?
Chirp
Chirp
Chirp
Chirp

YES!
I'M STILL WORKING ON MY PRIDE, BUT IT WAS DECIDED THAT THEY'LL RAISE ME
HA HA HA
I RECEIVED AN "OKAY"
THIS IS AN EXTREMELY STRANGE RESIDENCE
EVERYONE THAT I'VE BROUGHT UNTIL NOW WAS SENT BACK BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T HAVE PRIDE
YOU HAVE TO SEARCH WITHIN YOURSELF FOR WHAT YOU REALLY WANT
NO, I'M GLAD THAT YOU'RE ALLOWED TO STAY
WHAT...?
YES!
Clench
THE MASTER AND BUTLER ARE A LITTLE STRANGE AREN'T THEY?
HUH?
THIS WHOLE TIME, I'VE BEEN SUSPICIOUS OF THEM.
ANYWAY,
FINALLY, A MAID HAS ARRIVED, BO-CHAMA.
YES SHE HAS WHEN YOU FIND THE RIGHT PERSON, YOU KNOW YOU'VE FOUND THE RIGHT PERSON
BUT... JYOUGASAKI

AS LONG AS THERE'S SOMETHING SO PRECIOUS THAT NO ONE COULD EVER IMAGINE IT IT WILL BE THE ONLY ITEM I'LL BE AFTER
I'VE GIVEN UP THE BORING JOB OF A THIEF
STOP JOKING, BO-CHAMA
IT'S FINE WITH ME IF YOU TAKE SOME OF THE ITEMS LIVING AROUND AND LEAVE
SINCE YOU'VE WORKED VERY HARD UP UNTIL NOW
I WANT YOU.
YOU REALLY DON'T GIVE UP.
...
PERSIS-TENCE IS MY PRIDE
BO-CHAMA, YOU'RE REALLY A GHOST, RIGHT?
PLEASE
YES, BO-CHAMA.
Chapter 4
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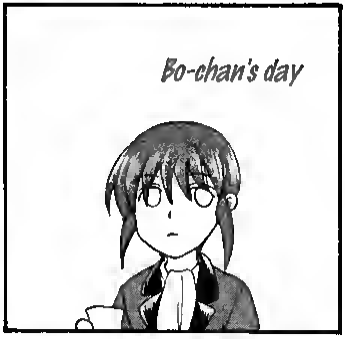

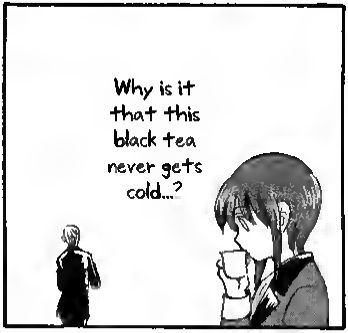

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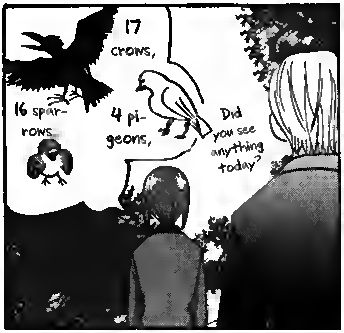

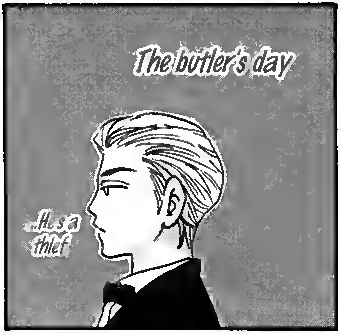

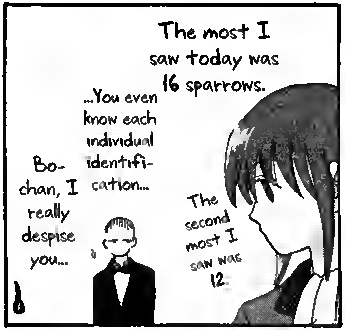
The most I saw today was 16 sparrows.
...You even know each individual identification...
Bo-chan, I really despise you...
The second most I saw was 12.

Peace and love forever

← Yume (MS male staff)
Reader XXX, we have a ton of projects, and 70% of them are smut based.
Oh my he is gorgeous I wonder if he can be eaten.
You have come to the right place for your smut and shoujo addiction. Do not feel shy because that is not a crime.
Erm, Int What kind of help do you need?
← Shindou (MS male staff)
So, you've heard that we are recruiting, which has led you to us.
Did our smut series bring you here? Or, Was it the fact we had not released xxvt that made you want to help?
We need more cleaners, Editors, and also, Japanese translators.
The intense look in his eyes is burning through my heart
Erm... I'd love to help you out... Just tell me What do you need of me, and I'll give it to you
Are you ready to help us with out with SMUT and SHOUJO addictions? if yes, come join us. We will not mistreat you... I will be with you every step of the way

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